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Tēnā koe Patrick

Official Information Act request: Judges' clerks

Thank you for your email of 26 August 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to judges' clerks. Specifically, you requested:

- 1) how many judges clerks have been employed in the last 10 years*
- 2) how many judges clerks have been employed by each court in the last 5 years*
- 3) does the District Court also employ judges clerks? If so please say how many judges clerks have been employed by the District Court in the last 5 years.*

In response to part 1 of your request, I can advise that in total 300 judges' clerks have been employed in the last 10 years, from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2021. The following Courts are included in the data: Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court, District Court, and Employment Court.

In response to part 2 of your request, I have interpreted your request to mean how many judges' clerks have been employed by court jurisdiction over the last five years. The Ministry of Justice's Human Resources Information System does not record this level of detail. To provide the information you have requested would require a manual and time consuming inspection of individual employee files. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, on the grounds that the information would require substantial collation.

In response to part 3 of your request, I can advise that the District Court does employ judges' clerks, and from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021, that 34 judges' clerks were employed by the District Court.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by phone on 0800 802 602 or by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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