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Tēnā koe I Brown

Official Information Act 1982 request: Regarding Public Defence Service (PDS) data

Thank you for your email of 02 September 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding Public Defence Service (PDS) data. On 07 September 2022 you were contacted to clarify question 5 of your request. You confirmed on the same date and your request was clarified as follows:

1. *The proportion of assignments made to the Public Defence Service (PDS) both as a percentage and in numbers (overall assignments for each centre and number assigned to the PDS), for each centre where there is a PDS office for the time period from 1 July to 30 June for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022:*
 - a. *at each of the PAL levels and*
 - b. *appeals;*
2. *The number of jury trials undertaken by the PDS in each centre for those same time periods.*
3. *The revenue the PDS received from assignments both as a service nationally and per office for the same time periods; and*
4. *Any and all analyses, reports, memoranda, or anything else showing or referring to the cost-effectiveness per case compared to the private defence bar both as a service as a whole and per centre, from 2014 onwards; and*
5. *Any PDS rules, guidelines, policies, or any other information for staff members relating to unsupervised appearances by PAL 1 PDS providers in a court for a case where they do not have the PAL approval relevant to the case they are appearing on.*
In other words, where a PDS lawyer with only a PAL 1 approval is appearing on a PAL 2, 3, or 4 matter unsupervised.

A response to your request is being prepared. However, external consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a response cannot reasonably be made

within the original time limit. Accordingly, I am extending the due date of your request by 20 working days under section 15A of the Act and will respond to you by 3 November 2022. We will endeavour to respond to you earlier.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman about the decision to extend your request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Morison', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Jan Morison
Team Leader, Ministerial Relations and Services