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**Official Information Act 1982 request: Grants of criminal legal aid**

Thank you for your email of 28 September 2022, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), data on the number of grants of criminal legal aid for each of the years 2015-2022, as percentages, for provider approval level (PAL) 1-4.

Specifically, you requested:

1. *The overall number of grants of criminal legal aid for each of the years 2015-2022 (using 1 July to 30 June as a year); and*
2. *Of those grants:*
  - a. *What percentage of grants were at PAL 1 for each of those years; and*
  - b. *What percentage of grants were at PAL 2 for each of those years; and*
  - c. *What percentage of grants were at PAL 3 for each of those years; and*
  - d. *What percentage of grants were at PAL 4 for each of those years*

On 3 October 2022, we contacted you to clarify your request. You confirmed on 4 October 2022 that your request could be clarified to the following:

*All grants where the application is approved and assigned to a provider, whether PDS or other, it is not meant to include applications that are refused.  
Please do not include interim grants.*

Please find attached the requested data included in Appendix 1.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Nāku noa, nā



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**Appendix 1: Criminal legal aid grants broken down by PAL, for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2022**

Approved Financial Year	Total Grants	PAL 1 Percentage	PAL 2 Percentage	PAL 3 Percentage	PAL 4 Percentage
2015/2016	54,099	85.37%	8.37%	3.95%	2.31%
2016/2017	55,623	85.89%	8.05%	3.90%	2.17%
2017/2018	57,025	84.36%	8.86%	4.36%	2.42%
2018/2019	57,632	83.32%	10.21%	4.09%	2.37%
2019/2020	56,765	81.58%	11.60%	4.28%	2.55%
2020/2021	56,397	80.05%	12.65%	4.56%	2.73%
2021/2022	46,688	78.14%	14.06%	5.14%	2.66%

- Please note the data has been drawn from our operational database and may be subject to change as new data is entered or recorded.

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