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Tēnā koe I Brown

Official Information Act request: Criminal legal aid providers

Thank you for request of 4 November 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to criminal legal aid providers. Specifically, you requested:

- 1. How many criminal legal aid providers presently have contracts with Legal Aid and take more than two cases per year (a year being 1 July to 30 June) for each of the years from 2017-2022 per court cluster as defined by legal aid;*
- 2. Of those:*
 - a) How many have a highest approval level of PAL 1;*
 - b) How many have a highest approval level of PAL 2;*
 - c) How many have a highest approval level of PAL 3;*
 - d) How many have a highest approval level of PAL 4; (Please provide this information for each court cluster)*
- 3. How many legal aid providers presently have a duty lawyer rating (whether or not they are on a current duty lawyer roster);*
- 4. How many providers are currently on a duty lawyer roster as of today's date for the country as a whole; and*
- 5. How many providers are on each individual roster as of today's date (please give court name and number of duty lawyers on that court's roster).*

Pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act I have made the decision to grant your request. The information is being finalised and the response will be provided to you as soon as possible. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause you.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about this decision under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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