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Dear I Brown

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 26 November 2022, in which you asked for information regarding the number of prosecutors in the Police Prosecution Service.

My response to each part of your request can be found below.

1. *The number of lawyers (i.e. not sworn officers) employed as prosecutors by the New Zealand Police as at 1 July for the years 2017-2022; and*
2. *The number of sworn New Zealand Police staff members working as prosecutors as at 1 July for the years 2017-2022.*

The response to questions one and two of your request is outlined in the table below:

	As at 1 July 2017	As at 1 July 2018	As at 1 July 2019	As at 1 July 2020	As at 1 July 2021	As at 1 July 2022
Number of lawyer prosecutors (FTEs)	53	66.2	69.8	84.0125	83.2186	92.825
Number of constabulary prosecutors (FTEs)	153.0375	142.3	140.3	132.875	130.8	128.95

3. *Please also provide the above numbers as at 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2022 but broken down into the various court clusters as defined by Legal Aid.*

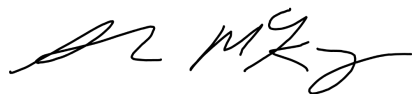
The data for staff employed on 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2022 is broken down by court clusters as defined by legal aid as outlined in the following table:

Court clusters	As at 1 July 2020		As at 1 July 2022	
	Number of lawyer prosecutors (FTEs)	Number of constabulary prosecutors (FTEs)	Number of lawyer prosecutors (FTEs)	Number of constabulary prosecutors (FTEs)
Whangārei	4	6	2	8
Auckland	44.2	35	43.525	34
Hamilton	6	11.575	9	12.85
Rotorua	1	7	1	9

Court clusters	As at 1 July 2020		As at 1 July 2022	
	Number of lawyer prosecutors (FTEs)	Number of constabulary prosecutors (FTEs)	Number of lawyer prosecutors (FTEs)	Number of constabulary prosecutors (FTEs)
Gisborne	4	3	4	2
Tauranga	1	9	1	7
Napier/Hastings	0.9	6	5.9	3
New Plymouth	0	3.5	0	3.5
Whanganui	0	3	0	3
Palmerston North	1	7	1	7
Wellington	7.5125	12.8	9	10.6
Nelson/Blenheim	0	5	2	5
Christchurch	12.4	14	10.4	15
Dunedin	2	6	3	5
Invercargill	0	4	1	4

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Yours sincerely



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