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Our ref: OIA 103158

Tēnā koe Mr White

Official Information Act request: Pacific peoples and restorative justice conferences

Thank you for your email of 9 March 2023, regarding information on fines and addresses. Specifically, you requested:

- 1 - Does the Ministry have a flag in it's databases for when the Ministry has been informed that an address is no longer current?*
- 2 - Does the Ministry have policies and/or procedures relating to how what it does when it receives "Return to sender - not at this address" mail (or similar)? If so please supply copies of these polices and/or procedures.*
- 3 - Does the Ministry have policies and/or procedures relating to how what it does when it receives other information regarding addresses not being valid (phone call, email etc.)? If so please supply copies of these polices and/or procedures.*
- 4 - If the Ministry does record information noted in 1 above, please supply a breakdown of fines under administration - aggregating: count of individuals and \$ value by:
 - a) address status (marked as non-current vs not)*
 - b) dollar size of fines outstanding by that individual in sensible groupings (less than \$50, \$50-\$100, \$100-\$500 etc.).**
- 5 - Can you please also provide details of the count of letters sent in each of the last 3 financial years to addresses that the Ministry had received notice that it is no longer valid at the time of sending.*
- 6 - Please also provide an estimate of the cost of the above (again by financial year).*

Pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act, the Ministry has decided to grant your request. A response is currently being prepared; however, we require more time to finalise the document for release. The information will be provided to you as soon as it is ready. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause you.

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

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.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