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George Russell

**By email:** [fyi-request-23370-70d1d335@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-23370-70d1d335@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Russell

**Request under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email dated 4 July 2023 requesting information relating to the retirement dates for each of the current judges of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.

The Ombudsmen have noted that the office of the Attorney-General falls outside the scope of the Official Information Act 1982 (Ombudsmen's Quarterly Review (1999) Vol 5, issue 2, p 4, and Case No W41067, 12th Compendium of Case Notes of the Ombudsman). Accordingly, information held by me in my capacity as Senior Law officer is not "official information".

I have sent your request to the office of the Chief Justice however, and I understand that her office will respond.

In accordance with s 19 of the Official Information Act 1982, I advise you have a right, by way of complaint under s 28(3) of that Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Relevant information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker'.

Hon David Parker  
**Attorney-General**