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Tēnā koe Felix

Official Information Act request: Counsellors for Juries

Thank you for your request of 17 August 2023, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry). Specifically, you requested:

1. *For each of the past 5 years,*

- * Total number of court cases in which at least one jury member was provided with this service*
- * Total number of jury members who was provided with this service*
- * Total number of counselling sessions provided*
- * Total cost of this service*

2. *What are the qualifications needed to be a counsellor providing this service*

3. *How are these counsellors selected*

4. *Any guidelines for the counsellors on how to provide this service and guidelines on what jury members can and cannot say during counselling.*

Pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act, the Ministry has decided to grant your request. However, we require further time to finalise the information for release. We will send you the information as soon as possible. Some information may be refused under section 9(2)(a) and section 18(e) of the Act. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause you.

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

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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