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Tēnā koe Mr Le Brun

**Official Information Act 1982 request**

I am replying to your request of 20 January 2015, in which you have requested, under the Official Information Act 1982, information about prosecutions related to cannabis possession, supply, growing, etc where a defendant has claimed the cannabis was for medicinal purposes.

I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested as the Ministry of Justice systems do not record this level of detail with regard to a defendant's case.

Information about the defence given in individual cases forms part of the court record. This is judicial information and is not subject to the Official Information Act under section 2(6)(a) and (b). If there is a specific case you are interested in, you will need to approach the relevant court and make a request to search the court record.

Therefore, your request for this information is declined pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act on the grounds that this information is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation or local authority.

You have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, to seek an investigation and review of the refusal to provide you with the information you have requested.

Heoi anō, nā



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