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Dear Mr/Ms Brown

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act (1982) request of 11 May 2024 in which you requested information about costs orders and litigation claim payments made by Police over the past ten years. You specifically requested:

- 1. The number of costs orders (however described) in the Police records, made by any court or tribunal against the New Zealand Police, however categorised by the Police, summarised nationally and also broken down by Police administrative region. Please ensure that the information is presented with the reason for each cost order as recorded by the Police department's own records. In other words, I want to know how many awards of costs, in any court or tribunal, were made against the Police, both nationally and by region, how much each one was, and the reason the Police have recorded for the payment being ordered. If the costs awards were made to another government department please advise which department the payment relates to. In relation to payments to non-governmental legal persons, I do not need to know who the payments were made to, but I do want to know whether the payment was made to a corporate entity or a private individual or group of individuals. Please ensure that the court or tribunal making the order is identified in relation to each payment.*
- 2. The number of payments made to other parties as a result of litigation, again summarised nationally and broken down by region, as well as a description of the type of litigation the payment arose from, and whether the payment was made to a corporate entity or an individual person or group of persons*

In response to the first part of your request, Police does not have any centralised recording of cost orders made by courts. As such, this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

In response to part two of your request, Police Legal Services are the budget holder for litigation claims made against Police. The number of claims per year in which compensation was paid to complainants, is recorded at a national level, by Police Legal Services and specified in the below table.

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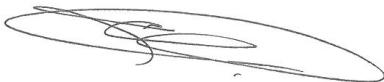
**Table 1: Number of claims per year in which compensation was paid to complainants**

Financial Year	No of claims
2012/13	11
2013/14	18
2014/15	17
2015/16	19
2016/17	15
2017/18	11
2019/20	16
2020/21	21
2021/22	13
2022/23	10

However, the records are not broken down by region, nor are the subject of individual claims against Police recorded by category. The majority of litigation claims against Police are made by individuals, but Police does not record whether the claimant was an individual or a corporate entity. Therefore, this part of your request is refused pursuant section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way that I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



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