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Tēnā koe Ms Babington

Official Information Act 1982 request

I am replying to your email of 17 August 2015 to Hon Amy Adams, Minister of Justice in which you requested, under the Official Information Act 1982, the number of adoptions in New Zealand from 2005 to 2014 broken down by year. On 19 August 2015 the office of the Minister of Justice transferred your request to the Ministry of Justice for response under section 14 of the Official Information Act.

Please see the attached table in response to your request.

You also requested specific information regarding adoptions and adoption applications by gay and lesbian couples. The Ministry does not record the marital or relationship status of people applying to adopt children. Consequently, your request for this information is declined pursuant to section 18(g)(i) of the Act on the grounds that this information is not held by the Ministry. We are not aware of the information being held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation or local authority.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response to your Official Information Act request, please contact Antony Paltridge, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, at antony.paltridge@justice.govt.nz or call (04) 918 8980 or 027 689 0667.

Heoi anō, nā



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Total number of adoptions granted in New Zealand, 2005 - 2014

Year	Number of adoptions granted
2005	277
2006	293
2007	253
2008	254
2009	208
2010	193
2011	185
2012	168
2013	178
2014	180

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