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Tēnā koe Mr Harvey

Official Information Act 1982 request

I am replying to your email of 9 February 2016 in which you requested, under the Official Information Act 1982, information regarding cannabis related convictions and discharges.

It is unclear from your request what specific cannabis related conviction and discharge information you are seeking. Therefore, I have provided data on all outcomes for cannabis related offences. This information is attached.

Conviction and sentencing statistics are considered 'Official Statistics', and are subject to a range of protocols governing their public release. Because of this, we are unable to release the 2015 calendar year statistics that you have requested. The 2015 calendar year conviction and sentencing statistics will be available the end of March 2016. You may wish to request this information at that time.

Please note the police provide ethnicity data to the Ministry of Justice. Accordingly, the Ministry is unable to determine how ethnicity was identified.

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.

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.

Heoi anō, nā



for. Tony Fisher
General Manager, District Courts

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Number of disposed charges for cannabis related offences, by court location, charge outcome and recorded ethnicity of the offender, 2013 and 2014

Court location	Charge outcome	2013		2014	
		Maori	Non-Maori	Maori	Non-Maori
Alexandra	Convicted and Discharged	0	1	0	2
	Convicted and Sentenced	1	2	8	5
	Diversion	0	1	1	2
	Not Proved	0	3	2	1
Ashburton	Convicted and Discharged	1	2	2	10
	Convicted and Sentenced	6	17	11	20
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	2	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	2	1	0
	Diversion	0	3	0	1
	Not Proved	3	5	2	4
Auckland	Convicted and Discharged	24	26	21	18
	Convicted and Sentenced	136	264	95	211
	Youth Court Proved	2	1	1	2
	Discharge without Conviction	2	14	2	16
	Diversion	4	20	4	33
	Not Proved	82	162	40	126
	Other	0	1	0	2
Balclutha***	Convicted and Discharged	1	1	0	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	5	6	0	0
	Diversion	2	2	0	0
	Not Proved	1	1	0	0
Blenheim	Convicted and Discharged	1	2	0	2
	Convicted and Sentenced	28	69	20	43
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	4	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	2	0	2
	Diversion	1	6	0	8
	Not Proved	9	32	30	17
	Other	0	0	2	0
Chatham Islands	Convicted and Sentenced	1	0	0	0
Christchurch	Convicted and Discharged	12	18	7	12
	Convicted and Sentenced	92	340	73	270
	Youth Court Proved	8	4	1	5
	Discharge without Conviction	1	6	0	5
	Diversion	8	54	5	30
	Not Proved	25	110	10	58
	Other	0	1	0	0
Dannevirke	Convicted and Discharged	1	0	1	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	1	8	6	2
	Not Proved	0	0	1	0

Court location	Charge outcome	2013		2014	
		Maori	Non-Maori	Maori	Non-Maori
Dargaville	Convicted and Sentenced	7	18	5	12
	Diversion	0	1	0	1
	Not Proved	1	2	0	1
Dunedin	Convicted and Discharged	1	5	2	5
	Convicted and Sentenced	43	52	21	70
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	0	1
	Discharge without Conviction	0	1	0	3
	Diversion	2	8	2	7
	Not Proved	70	36	11	22
	Other	0	0	0	0
Feilding*	Convicted and Sentenced	0	3	0	0
	Diversion	0	2	0	0
Gisborne	Convicted and Discharged	9	1	10	3
	Convicted and Sentenced	133	39	100	28
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	2	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	0	0	2
	Diversion	3	4	2	0
	Not Proved	38	36	14	1
	Other	0	0	0	1
Gore	Convicted and Discharged	0	1	0	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	94	4	1	10
	Diversion	0	0	1	2
	Not Proved	11	0	0	1
Greymouth	Convicted and Discharged	1	2	1	9
	Convicted and Sentenced	13	99	28	62
	Discharge without Conviction	0	1	0	0
	Diversion	0	6	0	5
	Not Proved	0	39	2	16
	Other	0	0	1	0
Hamilton	Convicted and Discharged	16	16	11	7
	Convicted and Sentenced	147	217	122	145
	Youth Court Proved	6	0	2	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	3	0	0
	Diversion	4	14	4	7
	Not Proved	48	69	25	40
Hastings	Convicted and Discharged	4	2	6	3
	Convicted and Sentenced	33	29	40	19
	Youth Court Proved	1	0	1	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	0	0	2
	Diversion	2	8	2	8
	Not Proved	7	12	3	4
	Other	2	0	0	0

Court location	Charge outcome	2013		2014	
		Maori	Non-Maori	Maori	Non-Maori
Hawera	Convicted and Discharged	3	3	4	2
	Convicted and Sentenced	20	16	14	24
	Youth Court Proved	0	6	0	1
	Diversion	2	1	1	0
	Not Proved	2	1	0	1
Huntly	Convicted and Discharged	0	0	1	2
	Convicted and Sentenced	7	21	28	17
	Youth Court Proved	1	0	0	0
	Diversion	0	1	1	0
	Not Proved	1	1	1	1
Hutt Valley	Convicted and Discharged	7	0	3	7
	Convicted and Sentenced	23	45	24	37
	Discharge without Conviction	0	2	0	0
	Diversion	1	0	0	2
	Not Proved	4	10	4	7
Invercargill	Convicted and Discharged	0	0	2	1
	Convicted and Sentenced	49	117	19	95
	Youth Court Proved	2	3	0	0
	Diversion	1	1	0	8
	Not Proved	50	64	21	26
Kaikohe	Convicted and Committed to Facility/Hospital	0	0	2	0
	Convicted and Discharged	7	6	5	1
	Convicted and Sentenced	66	10	101	34
	Youth Court Proved	5	3	2	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	0	2	1
	Diversion	8	2	4	0
	Not Proved	19	8	16	7
Kaikoura	Convicted and Sentenced	4	11	1	5
	Diversion	0	3	0	0
	Not Proved	0	4	0	3
Kaitaia	Convicted and Committed to Facility/Hospital	1	0	0	0
	Convicted and Discharged	1	3	0	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	37	18	35	15
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	1	0
	Diversion	5	3	5	1
	Not Proved	15	11	6	7
Levin	Convicted and Discharged	2	2	2	3
	Convicted and Sentenced	40	37	14	17
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	1	0
	Diversion	3	4	0	4
	Not Proved	2	12	4	5

Court location	Charge outcome	2013		2014	
		Maori	Non-Maori	Maori	Non-Maori
Lower Hutt**	Convicted and Discharged	1	2	0	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	3	6	0	0
	Diversion	0	4	0	0
	Not Proved	0	5	0	0
Manukau	Convicted and Discharged	15	22	5	9
	Convicted and Sentenced	144	213	147	195
	Youth Court Proved	5	6	1	4
	Discharge without Conviction	0	6	0	8
	Diversion	3	26	2	14
	Not Proved	60	93	67	66
	Other	0	0	0	1
Marton	Convicted and Sentenced	6	6	5	5
	Youth Court Proved	0	1	0	0
	Diversion	1	0	0	0
	Not Proved	2	2	1	4
Masterton	Convicted and Discharged	6	7	1	8
	Convicted and Sentenced	14	41	36	42
	Discharge without Conviction	2	0	0	0
	Diversion	4	10	0	2
	Not Proved	4	5	4	18
Morrinsville	Convicted and Discharged	2	0	1	3
	Convicted and Sentenced	8	17	20	22
	Diversion	1	0	0	2
Napier	Convicted and Discharged	3	2	1	3
	Convicted and Sentenced	50	82	57	34
	Youth Court Proved	3	0	0	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	0	0	3
	Diversion	1	10	0	1
	Not Proved	6	20	10	11
Nelson	Convicted and Discharged	1	10	0	2
	Convicted and Sentenced	79	156	24	108
	Youth Court Proved	0	3	0	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	5	0	7
	Diversion	2	33	1	7
	Not Proved	8	33	6	26
New Plymouth	Convicted and Discharged	5	7	6	11
	Convicted and Sentenced	45	79	22	72
	Discharge without Conviction	0	1	0	0
	Diversion	1	11	2	6
	Not Proved	5	23	2	5
North Shore	Convicted and Discharged	8	18	4	22

Court location	Charge outcome	2013		2014	
		Maori	Non-Maori	Maori	Non-Maori
	Convicted and Sentenced	18	108	19	90
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	0	1
	Discharge without Conviction	1	11	2	2
	Diversion	2	43	7	35
	Not Proved	5	63	3	22
Oamaru	Convicted and Discharged	0	1	0	2
	Convicted and Sentenced	1	5	3	15
	Discharge without Conviction	0	0	0	1
	Diversion	0	3	0	2
	Not Proved	1	2	0	14
Opotiki	Convicted and Discharged	0	0	1	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	28	8	26	5
	Diversion	0	1	0	0
	Not Proved	3	3	4	1
Palmerston North	Convicted and Committed to Facility/Hospital	0	1	0	0
	Convicted and Discharged	0	4	2	5
	Convicted and Sentenced	61	93	53	65
	Youth Court Proved	1	0	1	0
	Discharge without Conviction	1	0	0	0
	Diversion	6	7	1	6
	Not Proved	11	25	10	11
Papakura	Convicted and Discharged	2	2	4	1
	Convicted and Sentenced	45	37	21	33
	Discharge without Conviction	0	1	0	0
	Diversion	1	1	2	4
	Not Proved	6	9	6	4
Porirua	Convicted and Discharged	2	8	1	2
	Convicted and Sentenced	24	46	27	51
	Discharge without Conviction	1	5	0	2
	Diversion	1	5	1	4
	Not Proved	11	11	4	13
Pukekohe	Convicted and Discharged	1	0	0	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	28	28	20	23
	Discharge without Conviction	0	1	0	0
	Diversion	0	3	4	8
	Not Proved	4	5	2	2
Queenstown	Convicted and Discharged	1	2	0	2
	Convicted and Sentenced	4	28	3	69
	Discharge without Conviction	0	2	0	10
	Diversion	0	6	2	16
	Not Proved	0	4	0	5

Court location	Charge outcome	2013		2014	
		Maori	Non-Maori	Maori	Non-Maori
Rangiora***	Convicted and Discharged	0	4	0	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	6	29	0	2
	Youth Court Proved	0	4	0	1
	Diversion	0	3	0	1
	Not Proved	0	1	0	1
Rotorua	Convicted and Discharged	16	7	11	5
	Convicted and Sentenced	183	104	145	50
	Youth Court Proved	3	0	0	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	2	0	3
	Diversion	1	1	3	7
	Not Proved	58	21	44	7
	Other	0	0	1	0
Ruatoria	Convicted and Sentenced	12	3	5	1
	Diversion	2	0	1	0
	Not Proved	3	0	1	0
Taihape	Convicted and Sentenced	5	2	9	3
	Diversion	0	0	0	1
	Not Proved	1	0	1	0
Taumarunui	Convicted and Discharged	0	0	1	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	9	12	7	5
	Youth Court Proved	1	0	0	0
	Diversion	2	0	2	1
	Not Proved	2	0	1	0
Taupo	Convicted and Discharged	4	2	5	1
	Convicted and Sentenced	33	23	37	11
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	1	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	0	0	2
	Diversion	3	5	6	8
	Not Proved	5	3	1	1
Tauranga	Convicted and Committed to Facility/Hospital	0	0	3	0
	Convicted and Discharged	5	7	7	8
	Convicted and Sentenced	204	206	143	170
	Youth Court Proved	4	1	4	0
	Discharge without Conviction	1	5	2	4
	Diversion	7	8	3	10
	Not Proved	50	74	25	59
Te Awamutu	Convicted and Discharged	1	2	4	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	11	8	8	11
	Youth Court Proved	1	0	0	0
	Diversion	0	0	4	1
	Not Proved	0	0	1	3

Court location	Charge outcome	2013		2014	
		Maori	Non-Maori	Maori	Non-Maori
Te Kuiti	Convicted and Discharged	0	0	0	2
	Convicted and Sentenced	11	3	6	10
	Diversion	0	0	0	1
	Not Proved	1	0	1	1
Thames	Convicted and Discharged	2	2	0	1
	Convicted and Sentenced	16	36	12	31
	Youth Court Proved	1	0	0	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	0	0	1
	Diversion	1	3	0	0
	Not Proved	4	4	1	3
Timaru	Convicted and Discharged	3	11	6	16
	Convicted and Sentenced	17	43	8	35
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	0	2
	Discharge without Conviction	2	0	0	0
	Diversion	2	2	0	7
	Not Proved	15	18	3	48
Tokoroa	Convicted and Discharged	1	0	1	1
	Convicted and Sentenced	31	32	23	11
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	2	0
	Diversion	0	1	1	2
	Not Proved	2	2	5	1
Upper Hutt**	Convicted and Discharged	0	1	0	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	1	4	0	0
	Diversion	0	2	0	0
	Not Proved	0	1	0	0
Waihi	Convicted and Sentenced	7	12	8	35
	Diversion	1	3	0	4
	Not Proved	2	2	0	14
Waipukurau	Convicted and Sentenced	6	1	8	7
	Diversion	1	0	0	0
	Not Proved	0	0	5	0
Wairoa	Convicted and Discharged	3	0	4	1
	Convicted and Sentenced	36	5	28	8
	Diversion	2	0	1	1
	Not Proved	2	0	4	0
Waitakere	Convicted and Discharged	2	6	4	8
	Convicted and Sentenced	88	162	80	176
	Youth Court Proved	0	5	1	0
	Discharge without Conviction	3	16	1	5
	Diversion	2	20	3	18
	Not Proved	9	47	16	51

Court location	Charge outcome	2013		2014	
		Maori	Non-Maori	Maori	Non-Maori
Wanganui	Convicted and Discharged	2	1	2	1
	Convicted and Sentenced	75	71	51	92
	Youth Court Proved	1	1	0	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	1	0	2
	Diversion	1	3	0	2
	Not Proved	14	35	27	30
	Other	0	1	0	0
Warkworth*	Convicted and Discharged	0	1	0	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	2	1	0	0
	Discharge without Conviction	0	1	0	0
	Not Proved	0	1	0	0
Wellington	Convicted and Discharged	8	20	6	5
	Convicted and Sentenced	181	74	32	77
	Discharge without Conviction	0	5	5	5
	Diversion	2	25	1	26
	Not Proved	40	65	22	70
Westport	Convicted and Discharged	0	1	0	8
	Convicted and Sentenced	0	18	1	19
	Diversion	0	0	0	9
	Not Proved	0	2	0	5
Whakatane	Convicted and Discharged	5	2	3	0
	Convicted and Sentenced	119	35	114	24
	Youth Court Proved	1	0	1	0
	Discharge without Conviction	2	0	1	0
	Diversion	10	1	4	1
	Not Proved	20	1	37	1
Whangarei	Convicted and Discharged	6	7	3	3
	Convicted and Sentenced	167	128	52	75
	Youth Court Proved	0	0	2	0
	Discharge without Conviction	1	0	0	0
	Diversion	2	11	3	1
	Not Proved	21	15	11	30
	Other	1	1	0	0
Whataroa*	Convicted and Sentenced	3	0	0	0

Please note:

* These District Courts closed in 2013.

** The Lower Hutt and the Upper Hutt District Courts were reconstituted as the Hutt Valley District Court in 2013.

*** These District Courts closed in 2014.