



Sandra Heke  
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Dear Ms Heke

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2016, to Hon Amy Adams, in which you request information about Mr Karl Lobb. In particular, you request information about whether Mr Lobb:

1. received legal aid for proceedings at the Pukekohe Court in 2012
2. disclosed that he was a Crown Witness in his legal aid application
3. was eligible to receive legal aid for the proceedings at the Pukekohe Court in 2012.

Your letter has been referred to me for a response and is being managed in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). In answer to your first question, I can confirm that Mr Lobb did not receive legal aid for these proceedings. As your second and third questions are premised on the first question being yes, we are unable to answer these questions.

Please note that information held by the Pukekohe District Court regarding proceedings involving Mr Lobb forms part of the Court record. Section 2(6) of the OIA defines the Court record as being outside the scope of OIA requests. Court records are held by the Court where the matter is being heard. A request for access to this information should be made to the Registrar of the Court. You can find out how to contact the relevant court on the Ministry of Justice website at the following link:

[www.justice.govt.nz/service/finding-your-local-court](http://www.justice.govt.nz/service/finding-your-local-court).

I trust this information is of assistance. If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision under section 28(3) of the OIA.

Yours sincerely

Jacquelyn Shannon  
Legal Services Commissioner