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Dear Andre

Interpretation Act 1999: definition of “person”

I refer to your email of 9 October 2016 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (“the OIA”), the following information:

“the full definition of ‘person’ as contained in the Interpretation Act? The Act states that a person includes a corporation sole, a body corporate, and an unincorporated body. Is there any other legislative reference within this Act which alters the definition of ‘person’ from a corporation sole, body corporate, and an unincorporated body? I ... only require the specific facts as requested. I specifically request no opinions be given.”

I must advise you that your query does not fall within the scope of the OIA. Rather, your question is a request for legal advice on the meaning of a particular legislative provision. Your request for information is accordingly refused on the basis that the OIA does not apply.

You may find it useful to seek independent legal advice on the definition of “person” in the Interpretation Act. I note that the Ministry of Justice is unable to provide legal advice to members of the public. However, your local Community Law Centre may be able to assist you. You can find a Community Law Centre near you at www.communitylaw.org.nz.

Yours sincerely



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