

19 January 2017

Robert McKenzie fyi-request-4835-560alc16@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr McKenzie

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 17 December 2016. You requested the following:

....of the 266 cases where a client has threatened self-harm how many have resulted in the clients' death?

I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information you have requested does not exist.

It may be helpful to note that the police must report every suspected suicide to the coroner. If it seems that the person took their own life, there may be a coroner's inquiry where the coroner will determine, among other things, the cause of death. Details of these inquiries are held by the Ministry of Justice, more information can be found at the following link: https://coronialservices.justice.govt.nz/

If you disagree with my decision you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. The office of the Ombudsman can be contacted at PO Box 10152, The Terrace, Wellington 6143.

Alternatively you may have the decision reviewed by an Inland Revenue review officer. This does not preclude you from subsequently seeking a review by the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the department's internal review. If you would like an internal review, please write to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, PO Box 2198, Wellington 6140, setting out the details of your request.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely

Leisa Coley

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