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Mr Benchmark
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Dear Mr Benchmark

Official Information Act 1982 request

I acknowledge your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, clarified on 19 January 2017, requesting the total number of books issues by Judicial Libraries.

The Judge's Libraries are located in judicial areas of court buildings, and are therefore not accessible or for the use of anyone but the judges and their immediate staff. Many of the collections are held in the chambers of individual judges, and therefore the Ministry of Justice has no information on how many times such a text had been used by an individual judge.

Judges and their immediate staff have free access to the materials in the shared libraries. The libraries operate effectively as shared personal collections within the courts. There is no barcoding or gate-keeping (as operates in public libraries).

As the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Antony Paltridge, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, at media@justice.govt.nz or call (04) 918 8980.

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 Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington.

Yours sincerely



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