

**27** APR 2017

Mr Karl Pearce
On Point with Karl Pearce
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Dear Mr Pearce

Thank you for your email of 5 April 2017 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following:

"How many adoptions did CYFS (now MVC) perform in 2014, 15, 16? Can I please have these statics New Zealand wide and also a break down of those statistics down to regions as well as specific branches for Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, South Auckland, Onehunga, Tauranga, Palmerston North and Christchurch offices."

This letter is to advise that your request has been transferred to Mr Andrew Bridgman, Chief Executive of the Ministry of Justice.

This is because the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry of Social Development. Section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 allows me to transfer any request where the information is not held, but is believed to be held by another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision to transfer your request by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

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