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Paul Lynch

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Dear Mr Lynch

Your request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) of 26 December 2017, which you later clarified by email on 13 June 2018.

Your clarified request was for the following:

1. Statistics for the last 5 years on suicide deaths ruled as suicides where drugs, alcohol or gambling addiction was a factor; and
2. Statistics for the same period on how many suicide deaths were people who had a history with the mental health system, vs those with no known contact.

The information you have requested is not held by the Ministry of Justice (Ministry), as we do not record information on the deceased person's known addictions or mental health history.

I am therefore refusing your request under s 18(g) of the OIA as the Ministry does not hold the information, nor do I have grounds to believe that the information is held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation or local authority.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143; calling 0800 802 602; or emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely,



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