

**01 MAY 2018**

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Dear Mr Collins

**Official Information Act 1982 request**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 1 April 2018 regarding the Family Court.

Your requests and my response are set out below.

1. *I would like to know how many applications lodged every year for temporary protection orders without notice, and how many of those temporary protection orders were made final. From year 1995 to 2017, per year.*

The Ministry of Justice (Ministry) holds the data you request, however, not for the specified period. I have instead provided you with data from 2004 to 2017, please refer to Table 1, attached.

2. *Also, I would like to know the type of abuse reported in those without notice temporary protection orders applications, group them per "abuse type".*

The information you have requested is not recorded by the Ministry as it forms part of the court records. Information held by the courts are excluded from the operation of the OIA under section 2(6)(a). Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation, or local authority.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Antony Paltridge, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, by calling (04) 918 8980; or emailing [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz)

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

I trust that this information assists.

Yours sincerely



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**Table 1: Number of Without Notice Protection Order applications, by application outcome for the years 2004 - 2017**

Application outcome	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Application granted</b>														
Temporary Protection Order	2223	2161	2123	2271	2150	2226	2248	1998	1784	1924	2207	2363	2357	2178
No Temporary Protection Order	292	233	209	169	186	229	207	161	121	130	106	80	106	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>2515</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>2332</b>	<b>2440</b>	<b>2336</b>	<b>2455</b>	<b>2455</b>	<b>2159</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>2054</b>	<b>2313</b>	<b>2443</b>	<b>2463</b>	<b>2271</b>
<b>Dismissed or struck out</b>														
Temporary Protection Order	270	305	273	269	296	268	274	218	239	227	231	258	230	124
No Temporary Protection Order	206	222	193	180	212	188	198	170	148	142	165	183	182	144
<b>Total</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>Application lapsed, withdrawn or discontinued</b>														
Temporary Protection Order	551	587	569	596	588	620	619	561	534	607	757	821	762	536
No Temporary Protection Order	509	526	496	479	496	554	517	435	333	344	407	426	449	380
<b>Total</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1065</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>1247</b>	<b>1211</b>	<b>916</b>
<b>Application still active</b>														
Temporary Protection Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	58	646
No Temporary Protection Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	20	178
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>824</b>
<b>Total</b>														
Temporary Protection Order	3044	3053	2965	3136	3034	3114	3141	2777	2557	2758	3198	3449	3407	3484
No Temporary Protection Order	1007	981	898	828	894	971	922	766	602	617	679	692	757	795
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,051</b>	<b>4,034</b>	<b>3,863</b>	<b>3,964</b>	<b>3,928</b>	<b>4,085</b>	<b>4,063</b>	<b>3,543</b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>4,279</b>

**Notes:**

- Data is presented by year of filing. The number of applications granted in the latest year is lower than in previous years because some applications filed in that year are still before the court at the time the data was extracted.
- "Application granted" means that a final protection order has been made. This may occur whether or not a temporary order was granted when the application was filed.
- Protection Order application data is extracted from a live dataset that is used for operational purposes. This means that data will be updated through late data entry and active applications progressing through the court process. Therefore, this data may differ to data reported elsewhere with a different extraction date. These tables were extracted on 13 September 2017.
- For further information about protection order applications visit: [www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/protection-order-applications-dec2017.xlsx](http://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/protection-order-applications-dec2017.xlsx)