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Dear Mr Collins

Your request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 13 June 2018, in which you have requested:

The total number of new without notice parenting orders only, that are submitted every year from 2007 to 2017, sorted by gender and relationship to the child like father, mother and grandparents.

The Ministry of Justice does not have a report on s47 parenting order applications by gender or relationship to the child or children. I am therefore declining your request under s18(g) of the Act as the information is not held by the Ministry and I have no reason to believe it is held by, or more closely connected to the functions of, any other department or Minister.

However, I can provide you with the total number of without notice parenting order applications filed in the Family Court under s47 of the Care of Children Act 2004, by filing year. This is attached in Table 1. Please note that since the legislative change in March 2014, there has been an increase.

There is more information about parenting orders on our website here:

<https://www.justice.govt.nz/family/care-of-children/when-you-dont-agree/disagreements/apply-parenting-order/>

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

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

I hope this information is useful to you.

Yours sincerely,



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Table 1: Total Number of without notice parenting order applications filed in the Family Court under s47 of the Care of Children Act 2004, by filing year

Year of filing	Number of applications
2007	3,538
2008	3,587
2009	3,730
2010	3,756
2011	3,206
2012	3,050
2013	3,260
2014	4,599
2015	5,089
2016	5,440
2017	5,284