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Dear Mr Collins

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 25 October 2018 regarding representation in the Family court. Specifically, your request was for the following:

1. *I would like to know the total of Self-represented litigants in the Family court, categorized by year (2009 to 2017), by gender*
2. *I would like to know the total of non-Self-represented litigants categorized by year (2009 to 2017), by gender.*

The information you have requested is not recorded by the Ministry of Justice. The information may be held by the courts which 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

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 trust that this information assists.

Yours sincerely



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