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Dear Mr Dowse

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 31 January 2018 regarding the number of people convicted of sexual assault and/or harassment from 1 January 2009 to 12 December 2018.

You have specifically requested the following information:

1. The number of people convicted of sexual assault or sexual harassment crimes between 1 January 2009 and 12 December 2018, grouped by the high school they attended, or
2. The number of people convicted of sexual assault or sexual harassment crimes between 1 January 2009 and 12 December 2018 and their educational history, or
3. The names of people convicted of sexual assault or sexual harassment crimes between 1 January 2009 and 12 December 2018.

With respect to points 1 and 2 above, the information you have requested is not recorded by the Ministry of Justice. Therefore, I am refusing your request as allowed by 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.

With respect to point 3 above, I am unable to release the names of those convicted as this information is part of the court record. Courts are excluded from the scope of the Official Information Act 1982 under sections 2(6)(a) and (b).


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

You may be interested to know that the number of people convicted for sexual offences is publicly available on the Ministry of Justice website. The published data has a breakdown of the number of people by outcome (which has the number of people convicted) broken down by Court. The data is available from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2018. You can find the published data at: justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/research-data/justice-statistics/data-tables/#sexual

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I trust that this information assists.

Yours sincerely

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