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William Smith

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Dear William

I am writing in response to the request you submitted 4 September 2021 in which you sought:

In the police manual section "Charging Decisions" released under a previous FYI official information request there were some underlined links under the heading "has an offence been committed?"

1. "legislation commentary" and 2. "charge precedents"

The links do not work in the version of the manual you released. Please could you provide these documents in full.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Neither of the links lead to documents, or material that is easily extractable to provide to you.

The "legislation commentary" link leads Police staff to instructions on how to use Westlaw NZ, an online legal research service and proprietary database for lawyers and legal professionals. It also includes a list of statutes and case law.

Visit the Westlaw Legal databased

 Tip: click on the "Sign in by IP Access" link (see screenshot at right); you don't need to create an account to access Westlaw.



New Zealand Key Statutes

Arms Act 1983¢

Bail Act 2000¢

Coroners Act 2006¢

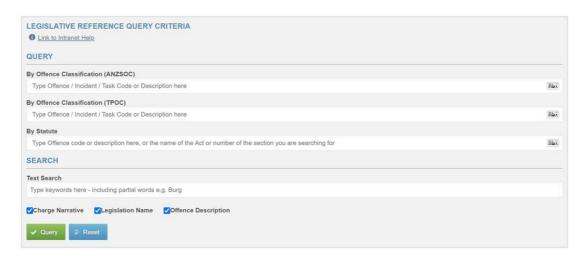
Crimes Act 1961¢

Criminal Disclosure Act 2008¢

Criminal Investigations (Bodily Samples) Act 1995¢

Police National Headquarters

The "charge precedents" links leads to a Legislative Reference Database, a search tool relating to offence classification codes and statutes.



You have a right under section 28(3) of the OIA to ask the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

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