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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act request: Tenancy orders

Thank you for your email of 28 April 2023, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about the Tenancy Tribunal (the Tribunal). Specifically, you requested:

“... every Tenancy Tribunal order held by your agency. This should include both PDF copies of the orders, as well as metadata containing information regarding the parties, the tenancy address, etc. As a guiding principle, the information I request should be provided in a format similar to the online search form at <https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/TT>.”

While the Act binds the executive (Ministers and government agencies), court and tribunals are specifically excluded from its ambit under section 2(6)(a) and (b). This recognises that courts and tribunals are a separate and independent arm of government with their own rules for access to information. Any orders the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) holds, it does so as an agent of the Tribunal. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the Ministry or any other agency subject to the Act.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published at: justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with my response. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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