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Tēnā koe Mr Jordan

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 4 March 2021 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) regarding funding from the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) within the Justice system.

Your request was for the following:

- 1. does the ACC fund any part of the Court/Justice system*
- 2. what parts of the Courts/Justice system does the ACC fund*
- 3. what process is used to ensure transparency and fair outcomes where the ACC financially involved*

In response to the first and second part of your request, I can advise that in accordance with Section 164 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001, ACC funds the reasonable costs of hearing appeals to ACC decisions through the courts. These relate to Judicial salaries, fees, allowances and reasonable administrative costs. ACC also provides funeral grant funding and administers funeral grants for families of homicide victims.

In response to the third part of your request, the Ministry does not hold this information. The information requested is judicial information which is not subject to the OIA under section 2(6)(b). 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 authority.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Alison Horwood, Media Manager, Media and External Relations, by calling (04) 918 8836; 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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