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Tēnā koe Daniel

**Official Information Act request: District Court recording process & transcription services**

Thank you for your email of 29 January 2024, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to District Court recording process and transcription services. Specifically, you requested:

*I would like to get information about the recording process and the transcription service of the hearings held at the District Courts.*

*1. Specifically I would like to know the governance process and the roles and responsibilities relating to the recording of the hearings and the transcription service.*

*2. My understanding is that the recording is a relatively failsafe process. But I would like to get some data about the number of District Court hearings that wasn't recorded by the system (if any). (I can narrow down my request to the failed recordings in the 2022 - 2023 years.)*

Pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act, the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) has decided to grant your request. However, it will take us some time to prepare the information for release. We will send you the information by *15 March 2024* without undue delay. There are documents being prepared for release by the Ministry. Some information is refused under section 18(g)(i) as the information is not held by the Ministry. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause you.

If you require any further information, please contact Ministry of Justice Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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