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Tēnā koe Letty

Official Information Act request: Youth Justice

Thank your email of 15 May 2024 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about Youth Justice. Specifically, you requested:

I have recently seen that you are recruiting for a senior policy role. I was curious to see the name changes of the teams involved in that area, in particular the change from victims policy team to victims and youth justice team. Given this, I would like to know:

- when did this name change occur?*
- when was it decided that Ministry of Justice would have responsibility for youth justice?*
- what communications occurred with the Oranga Tamariki, Corrections and / or Public Services Commission in relation to this change?*
- why are you recruiting into this area when there are still restructures (and associated redundancies) happening in other justice sector agencies, in particular those with responsibility for youth justice?*
- why is the closing date for this advertised position so early in light of those restructures and redundancies?*
- why was consideration not given to lifting and shifting staff from other justice sector agencies with responsibility for youth justice as opposed to open recruitment?*

Pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act, the Ministry has decided to grant your request. A response is being prepared; however, we require more time to finalise the information for release. The information will be provided to you as soon as practicable and no later than 27 May 2024. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause you.

If you are not satisfied with this decision, 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 on 0800 802 602 or at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Nāku noa, nā



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