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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0002

Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to the Coronial Services in NZ

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 4 July 2023. You requested:

"In response to the Coronial Inquest in to the death of Mario Cribb, I request the following information:

Why has the number of coronial cases investigated by inquest decreased from 330 in 2012 to just 62 in 2019, and 24 in 2020?

Why is the average wait for an inquest 1451 days?

What steps, if any, are being taken to reverse this trend and ensure inquest timeframes are meeting the target of a maximum 30% extending beyond a year wait time?

What services, if any, is the court and Ministry of Justice offering families to deal with the stress these increased wait times and delays has caused?"

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not have responsibility for the Coroners Court and we believe your request is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to whom you have sent this request. Following a search of our records, we do not believe we hold information relevant to your request. We would ordinarily transfer your request to MoJ, however, as you have also sent your request directly to them, we refer you to their reply.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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