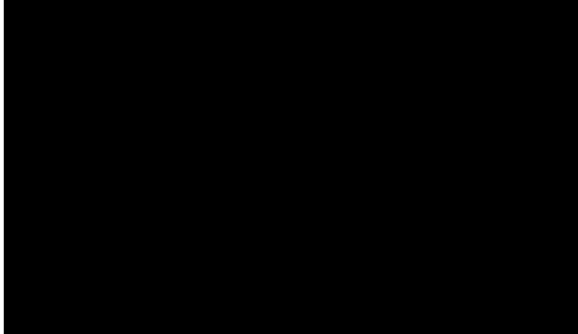




24 November 2023



Official information request for breakdown of prosecution spend in *R v Dickason*
Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I refer to your official information request to the Ministry of Justice dated 20 October 2023 for “a breakdown of ... the Prosecution spend ... for Dickason”.¹
2. This request was formally transferred to our office on 27 October 2023.

“Spend” on the proceeding

3. Crown Solicitors have operated in a bulk funding environment since 1 July 2013 and do not invoice Crown Law for individual cases given they are not remunerated on an hourly basis. Therefore, it is not possible to identify the “spend” on any one case (including the *Dickason* prosecution).
4. However, we can confirm that since assuming responsibility for this proceeding from Police, the office of the Crown Solicitor for Timaru has reported a total of **743 hours** spent on the matter to date.

Further breakdown of hours by stage of proceeding and prosecutor classification

5. Total hours spent on a proceeding (and reported to us) can be further broken down by the level of prosecutor working on the proceeding,² and the stage of the proceeding at which those hours were accumulated.³ In this case, that is as follows.

Hours by reference to prosecutor classification

Prosecutor classification	Hours dedicated
Junior	10.4

¹ CRI-2021-076-000807.

² As per the classification framework for Crown prosecutors, contained in [Appendix Three to the Crown Solicitors: Terms of Office](#).

³ The various stages of criminal proceedings are outlined in the Criminal Procedure Act 2011.

Intermediate	296.1
Senior	0
Principal	436.5
Total:	743

Hours by reference to stage of proceeding

Stage of proceeding	Hours dedicated
Admin	19
Review stage	13.4
Pre-trial stage	242.1
Trial stage	451.5
Sentencing stage	17
Total:	743

Proactive release

6. Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.

Right to seek investigation and review

7. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.
8. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact

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