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Official information release – *R v Tarrant*
Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. This is a proactive release of information about the costs to the Crown Law Office in respect of the *R v Tarrant* prosecution.
2. We only hold information about the costs funded by Crown Law, namely work done by the Crown Solicitor who conducted the prosecution from the point at which the matter became a Crown prosecution (in this case, from the date Mr Tarrant entered his original not guilty plea). There will have been other costs to the Crown incurred by the New Zealand Police (for investigating the matter and for prosecuting the matter prior to the Crown Solicitor assuming responsibility) and other agencies (such as the Ministry of Justice and Department of Corrections) in the investigation and/or prosecution as well. The New Zealand Police, Department of Corrections and Ministry of Justice are all proactively releasing information about their costs at the same time as Crown Law.
3. Crown Solicitors have operated under a bulk funding model since 1 July 2013. As they do not invoice Crown Law for individual cases, it is not possible to identify the cost to Crown Law of any one case in particular. Crown Solicitors report all time spent to Crown Law; the total time spent on this case was 986.7 hours.
4. Given the exceptional nature of this case, Crown Law provided supplementary funding to the Christchurch Crown Solicitor, in addition to their annual fee. The total amount of supplementary funding was \$192,132.31.

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