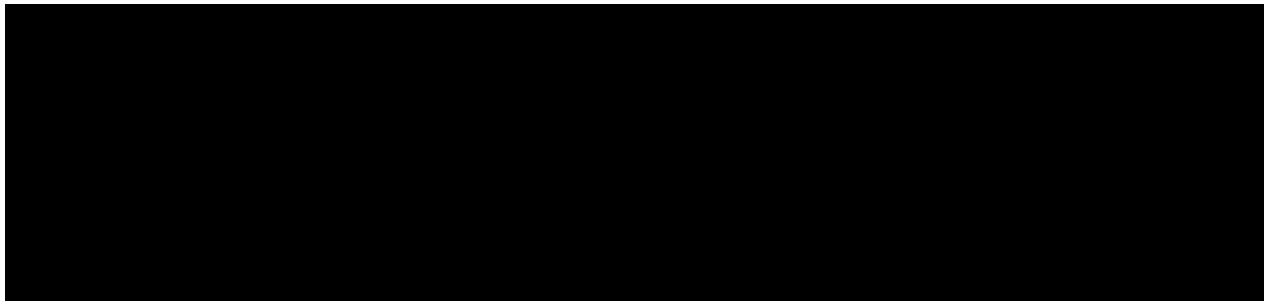


31 October 2025



Official information request for information concerning bail

Our Ref: OIA-2526067

I refer to your official information request dated 19 October 2025 for:

- 1. During the past 3 years, the number of people on bail who have fled New Zealand before trial?*

Of them-

- a. how many failed to appear in court?*
- b. how many warrants for their arrest were issued?*
- c. to which countries are they gone to?*
- d. how many returned of their own volition?*
- e. how many have not returned to NZ?*
- f. how many extradition requests have been made? How many were made to which countries? How many were successful by country?*
- g. how many were caught trying to leave New Zealand and where? e.g. airport by customs, etc.*

For a. through g., please indicate how many were up on murder, manslaughter, or other three strikes offences (please stipulate)

h. how much money has been spent over the three years on bringing them back. Please divide by flights for Police, costs for private investigators, hotels, and flights for those being sought and other costs.

- 2. During the past 3 years the number of people on bail who have fled New Zealand after being convicted of an offence.*

Of them-

- a. how many failed to appear in court?*
- b. how many warrants for their arrest were issued?*

- c. to which countries are they gone to?*
- d. how many returned of their own volition?*
- e. how many have not returned to NZ?*
- f. how many extradition requests have been made and to where were they made?*
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- 3. During the past 3 years the number of people on bail who have fled New Zealand after being placed on home detention.*

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- a. how many warrants for their arrest were issued?*
- b. to which countries are they gone to?*
- c. how many returned of their own volition?*
- d. how many have not returned to NZ?*
- e. how many extradition requests have been made and to where were they made?*
- f. how many were caught trying to leave New Zealand and where? e.g. airport by customs, etc.*

For a. through f., please indicate how many were up on murder, manslaughter, or other three strikes offences (please stipulate)

g. how much money has been spent over the three years on bringing them back. Please divide by flights for Police, costs for private investigators, hotels, and flights for those being sought and other costs.

Transfer of part of your request

We are transferring part of your request to New Zealand Police under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information requested is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of that agency. Specifically, the parts of your request relating to extraditions and the costs associated with returning individuals on bail who have fled New Zealand. These questions are outlined below.

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For a. through g., please indicate how many were up on murder, manslaughter, or other three strikes offences (please stipulate)

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You will hear further from Police concerning that part of your request.

Decision on remaining portion of your request

Crown Law does not hold any information relevant to the remaining parts of your request. Accordingly, we are refusing this portion of your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information is not held by us and we have no grounds for believing it to be held by another department.

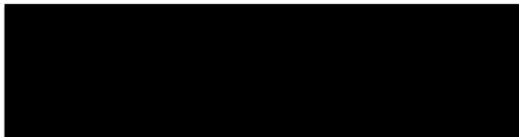
Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days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

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oia@crownlaw.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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