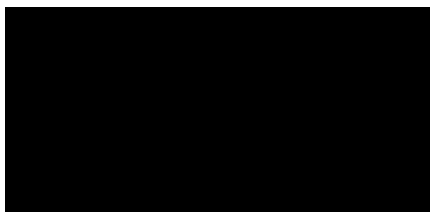


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22 August 2022



Re: OIA: Drug testing employees

I refer to your email dated 19 August 2022 to the Education Review Office requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982.

- 1. A copy of your policy on employee drug use and drug testing.*
- 2. How many random drug tests has your Department performed on employees or contractors since August 19 2021?*
- 3. How many non-random drug tests has your Department performed on employees or contractors since August 19 2021?*
- 4. Since August 19 2021, how many employees or contractors associated with your Department failed a drug test?*
- 5. How many employees or contractors have been fired or did not have their contract renewed following a drug test?*

ERO does not have a specific policy relating to drug use or drug testing and has done no random drug tests on employees or contractors.

I am therefore refusing your request to question one under section 18 (e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information does not exist.

Answers to the remainder of your questions are as follows:

ERO has performed no random or non-random drug tests on its employers or contractors, therefore ERO is not aware of any of its employees or contractors failing a drug test.

No ERO employees or contractors have been fired or did not have their contract renewed following a drug test.

You have a right to complain to the Ombudsman and seek a review of my decision.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. France', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Jeremy France
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