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Tēnā koe Ms McIntyre

I refer to your email of 11 April 2019, requesting information about searches in prisons. Your request was considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) and responded to on 10 May 2019 (our reference C107063).

On 17 January 2020, Corrections was advised by the Office of the Ombudsman of a complaint relating to our response to your request. Upon reviewing your request, Corrections has reconsidered our response.

As we advised in our letter dated 18 February 2020, we have carried out another search of our records, and on this occasion have been able to identify some of the information you requested.

The safety and security of prisoners and staff is paramount. We place considerable emphasis on preventing contraband from entering prisons, apprehending those who attempt to smuggle it in, and eliminating opportunities for organised crime. These measures all contribute toward our bottom line of improving public safety, and our ultimate goal of reducing re-offending.

Contraband in prisons includes alcohol, communication devices, drugs, drug paraphernalia, tattoo equipment, weapons and other items. Items that are prohibited may include everyday and seemingly innocent items that, while not illegal, may be used inappropriately by prisoners.

Our efforts are keeping drugs and other contraband out of the hands of prisoners. There were 6,185 contraband finds in 2018/19, including 1,323 drug contraband and paraphernalia finds. Additionally, less than four percent of general random drug tests undertaken in prison returned a positive result, compared to 2010/11 when the rate was 6.8 percent. More information on contraband finds is available in Corrections' Annual Report, available on our website at: www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/strategic_reports/annual-reports/annual_report_201819.

When determining the appropriate type of search to detect an unauthorised item, staff are required to use the least intrusive search method that will be sufficient to retrieve the unauthorised item in each particular situation. Searches can be carried out by way of metal detector, x-ray machine, drug detection dog, rub-down search, or strip search.

There are generally three occasions where staff can consider strip searching a prisoner. Each occasion has different legislative standards under the Corrections Act 2004 (the Act) that must be met before a prisoner is searched. These occasions are:

- Event based – mandatory (section 98(7) of the Act);
- Event based – specified (section 98(6) of the Act); or
- Reasonable grounds (section 98(3) of the Act).

Mandatory strip searches must be carried out when a prisoner is first admitted to a prison, when the prisoner is received in a prison on transfer from another prison, or returns to a prison for outside employment, court appearances, medical appointments, when initially segregated because of risk of self-harm and upon any return to the segregated area from any area frequented by other prisoners, or any other reason in accordance with the Act.

Specified strip searches may be carried out in a number of circumstances, particularly those related to prisoner movements, including (but not limited to) before or after visits, or when a prisoner is brought before a Visiting Justice or a hearing adjudicator.

Reasonable grounds strip searches may be carried out if an officer has reasonable grounds for believing that a prisoner has in his or her possession an unauthorised item, approval has been obtained from the relevant manager for the conduct of a strip search, and a strip search is necessary in the circumstances for the purpose of detecting an unauthorised item.

You requested the following information:

Please provide me with the following information, from as far back as records permit until the current date. Please provide this information for each prison, broken down by both fiscal year and purpose of the search (e.g. Section 98(7) of the Corrections Act 2004):

1) *The total number of searches carried out on prisoners*

Please find attached as Appendix One the requested information from the implementation of the Act in 2004 to 2019. Please note that there are some limitations to this data. Firstly, mandatory strip searches carried out under section 98(7) of the Act are not consistently recorded, unless contraband is found. This is due to the volume of such searches that Corrections is statutorily obligated to carry out; furthermore, any absences from the prison or transfers will be recorded on a prisoner's file, which necessarily indicates that a strip search will have taken place.

Scanner and rub-down searches are also not consistently recorded, also due to the volume of these that are conducted. For example, rub-down searches are required to be conducted any time a prisoner moves between areas. These numbers have been provided in the response since 2018 when this reporting function was first introduced. However, we would urge caution when considering these figures, as they are by no means a complete representation of the numbers of these types of searches that are carried out, and the numbers vary significantly from prison to prison depending on the approach to reporting these at each site.

Secondly, as referenced above, the function within Corrections' prisoner database where prisoner searches are recorded was updated in 2018. More options were provided for prisoner strip searches, with specific sections of the Act identified under which strip searches could be carried out. The purpose of this was to simplify and clarify reporting on strip searches. However, this means that data on searches prior to 2018 may be less reliable than more recent data, and is not necessarily comparable with the more recent data. The search reasons labelled 'VOID' in the attached response are the search categories that staff were able to select prior to 2018.

You may wish to note that, because our reporting tools around prisoner searches have changed in the intervening years, we have also been unable to replicate the figures provided in the earlier OIA response referred to in your complaint to the Ombudsman (C76659).

Please also note that search information is recorded by calendar year, rather than fiscal year as requested.

2) The total number of searches carried out on cells

This part of your request was previously declined under section 18(f) of the OIA, as we considered that we could not provide the requested information without substantial collation and research. Following further consultation with custodial Corrections staff, I am advised that Corrections conducts random searches of all cells on a regular basis, with the aim of searching each cell at least once every month. Monthly records of these searches are made by staff in each individual unit at each prison, but this information is not collated centrally.

Records of non-routine cell searches (for example, where there is reasonable cause for staff to believe that a cell may contain contraband) are also not maintained centrally. Such information is held on individual incident reports. Furthermore, in the case of double bunked cells, incidents of cell searches or contraband finds within cells are usually attributed to both prisoners residing in a double bunked cell, making it still more difficult to accurately identify the numbers of cell searches that are carried out.

Accordingly, we maintain our original decision to decline this part of your request pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA, as the requested information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi nui

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Rachel Leota
National Commissioner

Appendix One – Prisoner searches by statutory grounds, prison, and calendar year, 2004 to 2019

Arohata Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															136	109
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															45	55
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															69	79
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															30	53
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															7	4
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										97	143	163	391	26	51	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										135	333	255	312	138	161	
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	91	467	379	224	650	451	222	170	75	425	508	225	209	49	105	
Total	91	467	379	224	650	451	222	170	75	657	984	643	912	213	604	300

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Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility ¹																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															16	1
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															12	114
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															26	131
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															560	1,149
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															1	20
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										458	20	25	111	17	161	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										219	91	353	1,483	1,856	1,239	114
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)			228	5,434	5,672	465	237	53	88	182	133	58	47	214	154	1
Total			228	5,434	5,672	465	237	53	88	859	244	436	1,641	2,087	2,169	1,530

¹ Established 2006
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Auckland South Corrections Facility²

Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															23	17
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															347	191
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															116	77
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															101	464
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															1	
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)												155	59	55	27	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)												435	227	789	1,012	101
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)												38	1,183	1,948	1,011	1
Total												628	1,469	2,792	2,638	851

² Established 2015

Auckland Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner															9	21
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															7	70
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															50	150
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															55	112
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															95	960
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															14	25
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										107	1,122	1,641	5,444	1,050	191	5
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)					2					145	152	496	1,999	1,554	525	4
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	7,964	18,903	19,508	11,432	11,417	4,889	1,929	818	620	329	235	699	1,078	424	74	
Total	7,964	18,903	19,508	11,432	11,419	4,889	1,929	818	620	581	1,509	2,836	8,521	3,028	1,020	1,347

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Christchurch Men's Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner															2	21
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															15	38
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															66	331
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															474	436
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															14	28
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															1	6
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)									1	578	1,526	1,666	1,919	941	1,149	5
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)								2		1,923	2,399	3,822	4,697	989	95	
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	1,122	2,733	2,728	2,168	2,768	2,049	1,412	842	1,338	4,675	3,757	3,425	4,151	746	256	
Total	1,122	2,733	2,728	2,168	2,768	2,049	1,412	844	1,339	7,176	7,682	8,913	10,767	2,676	2,072	865

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Christchurch Women's Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner															3	
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															16	31
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															33	98
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															39	471
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															3	
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)																
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										114	1,028	867	1,215	609	291	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										1,166	1,161	822	964	611	339	4
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	507	191	250	396	521	972	442	380	363	253	114	84	66	82	56	1
Total	507	191	250	396	521	972	442	380	363	1,533	2,303	1,773	2,245	1,302	777	605

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Hawke's Bay Regional Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																40
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															82	50
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															108	67
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															863	405
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															112	251
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															8	
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										797	4,530	2,851	2,806	1,435	772	37
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										1,646	3,450	3,449	3,776	2,406	891	
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	2,601	2,787	4,347	3,876	6,095	4,559	2,451	330	46	725	1,086	740	536	1,235	284	
Total	2,601	2,787	4,347	3,876	6,095	4,559	2,451	330	46	3,168	9,066	7,040	7,118	5,076	3,120	850

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Invercargill Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner															3	
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															23	12
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															1,332	1,178
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															1,355	1,463
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															82	445
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															10	26
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										1,243	4,430	4,010	4,446	4,781	2,812	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										1,391	1,494	949	886	616	265	
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	1,479	1,057	915	714	1,287	361	388	577	668	621	161	248	158	535	320	4
Total	1,479	1,057	915	714	1,287	361	388	577	668	3,255	6,085	5,207	5,490	5,932	6,202	3,128

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Manawatu Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																2
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															12	5
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															23	189
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															368	18
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															4	17
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															1	2
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										1,505	5,066	5,663	4,323	2,967	1,744	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										1,658	1,520	890	1,885	627	167	
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	344	730	596	298	457	265	132	99	133	1,376	646	411	618	922	343	
Total	344	730	596	298	457	265	132	99	133	4,539	7,232	6,964	6,826	4,516	2,662	233

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Mt Eden Corrections Facility ³																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner															10	47
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															5,059	13,038
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															327	446
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															2,734	4,673
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															1,625	5,352
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															184	26
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										190	194	58	1,201	2,593	703	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										495	1,440	1,449	5,075	15,308	8,516	1
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)								266	171	959	481	184	516	858	404	
Total								266	171	1,644	2,115	1,691	6,792	18,759	19,562	23,583

³ Established 2011
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Northland Region Corrections Facility ⁴																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner															1	
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															84	46
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															32	80
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															658	174
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															798	2,128
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															40	10
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										954	2,142	3,822	3,906	5,782	3,696	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)							1			1,712	3,635	3,750	5,401	3,749	1,715	26
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)		840	6,175	9,112	16,630	8,202	10,758	7,887	10,832	7,651	5,941	3,587	1,255	679	67	
Total		840	6,175	9,112	16,630	8,202	10,759	7,887	10,832	10,317	11,718	11,159	10,562	10,210	7,091	2,464

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Otago Corrections Facility ⁵																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																3
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															191	670
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															696	609
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															3,011	3,255
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															129	200
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															30	54
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										3,106	10,325	5,515	5,206	4,746	1,446	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)							2	2		3,249	1,837	3,174	3,521	3,048	1,926	2
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)				558	1,146	906	452	445	1,578	1,333	766	895	1,640	1,336	342	
Total				558	1,146	906	454	447	1,578	7,688	12,928	9,584	10,367	9,130	7,771	4,793

⁵ Established 2007
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Rimutaka Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																14
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															3	51
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															106	331
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															1,592	842
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															301	292
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															2	3
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										1,251	3,727	2,338	2,152	901	310	1
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)							1			4,411	3,414	4,307	4,382	3,244	2,363	
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	1,493	4,796	8,856	17,471	47,150	12,243	14,246	9,453	10,156	8,474	1,148	673	510	698	509	
Total	1,493	4,796	8,856	17,471	47,150	12,243	14,247	9,453	10,156	14,136	8,289	7,318	7,044	4,843	5,186	1,534

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Rolleston Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																5
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															1	2
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															163	129
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															955	1,331
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															133	337
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)																1
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)								2		2,286	4,436	3,151	2,903	1,951	1,187	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										552	1,679	1,350	1,404	736	312	1
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	919	557	563	287	406	235	492	137	2,723	4,003	1,328	506	1,216	680	212	
Total	919	557	563	287	406	235	492	139	2,723	6,841	7,443	5,007	5,523	3,367	2,963	1,806

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Spring Hill Corrections Facility ⁶																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																4
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															6	33
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															129	140
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															294	516
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															403	896
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															5	32
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)									1	4,277	11,623	9,430	6,460	6,074	1,999	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										1,472	1,774	802	954	2,297	995	
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)				70	1,183	3,618	7,471	5,892	10,273	11,426	3,613	1,348	1,140	1,858	319	
Total				70	1,183	3,618	7,471	5,892	10,274	17,175	17,010	11,580	8,554	10,229	4,150	1,621

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Tongariro Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																1
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															1	5
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															25	54
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															281	66
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															90	463
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)																
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										4,182	7,962	2,228	1,691	3,064	2,272	
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										2,831	4,109	2,421	2,335	1,787	805	19
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	949	935	2,210	855	665	359	160	228	237	989	1,576	928	474	144	83	
Total	949	935	2,210	855	665	359	160	228	237	8,002	13,647	5,577	4,500	4,995	3,557	608

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Waikeria Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner															3	
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															4	15
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															213	295
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															276	189
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															1,408	3,807
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															7	11
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										537	1,413	7,917	8,812	10,886	3,320	2
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)							1			5,816	12,494	11,815	6,623	5,963	3,174	
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	1,882	4,228	3,161	1,580	2,063	1,528	628	310	462	1,679	2,687	3,096	1,184	1,242	320	
Total	1,882	4,228	3,161	1,580	2,063	1,528	629	310	462	8,032	16,594	22,828	16,619	18,091	8,725	4,319

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Whanganui Prison																
Search Reason	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Person - Section 98 (1)(a) - Scanner search of any prisoner																46
Person - Section 98 (1)(b) - Rub-down search of any prisoner															4	31
Person - Section 98(3)(a) - Prisoner strip search (Reasonable grounds)															26	59
Person - Section 98(3)(b) - Prisoner strip search (Manager approved)															7	17
Person - Section 98(7) - Prisoner strip search when required															16	15
Person - Section 98(7A) - Subject to a direction under s60(1)(b)															1	1
VOID - EVENT BASED - SECTION 98 (6) & (8)										504	2,679	3,605	4,269	3,067	329	1
VOID - MANDATORY - SECTION 98 (7)										1,563	1,131	258	646	140	24	1
VOID - REASONABLE CAUSE - SECTION 98 (3)	135	238	340	286	320	533	1,232	69	717	529	289	1,174	971	1,164	148	
Total	135	238	340	286	320	533	1,232	69	717	2,596	4,099	5,037	5,886	4,371	555	171

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