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Tēnā koe Mr Lane

Thank you for your email of 23 June 2019, requesting information about prisoner property. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have requested:

- *Are electrical appliances and electrical appliance accessories able to be in any what so ever colour? As in the band of items standard colour...For example: Head phones with red standard cable wire colour, Head phones with red framing.*
- *Also with corrections radio requirements being so out dated, this makes things extremely hard for family to support an incarcerated family member in prison, is there away to apply for a more update request as a standard requirement? For example, these days finding a radio with out USB port is very rear. Having this removed would be easier. Also finding radios with such a low MPOP is also extremely difficult.*

As previously advised in our letter to you dated 27 June 2019, (our reference C109163 and C109161), there is no national policy regarding the colour of the wire of headphones, however, as previously advised, prison staff may prohibit a prisoner from having any item, even of a type specified in Corrections' Authorised Property Rules, if they believe that the particular item may interfere with the effective management, security and good order of the prison.

Your concerns regarding the radio requirements have been noted. While there are currently no plans to change the Authorised Property Rules, please note that a prisoner may request that an item not specified in Corrections' Authorised Property Rules be considered.

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