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Shane Gibson

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Dear Mr Gibson

Thank you for your email of 11 July 2020, requesting information about Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) requests received by Corrections. Your request has been considered under the OIA.

You requested:

Please provide an extract of data from the system you currently use to track information requests submitted under the Official Information Act 1982.

The extract should be in a machine readable form. This means either via a publicly accessible API or file in csv or JSON format.

The extract should have the following details in a single row for each request that was submitted:

- *The title of the request.*
- *The date your organisation received the request*
- *The date of the final response from your organisation to that request, or the date you closed the request*

In our previous correspondence to you on this matter, dated 30 July 2020, we advised that there may have been approximately 34,013 items logged as OIA requests since Corrections' current electronic tracking system commenced that would fall within the scope of your request. We asked you to refine your request. On 5 August 2020, you advised that you were interested in one year of OIA data.

We take our legislative obligations under the OIA and the Privacy Act 1993 very seriously.

Information on statistics on Corrections' management of Official Information Act requests is available on our website at:

https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/official_information_act/managing_official_information_act_requests

Further Information is published on the Public Services Commission website at: <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/resources/official-information-statistics/>

Please find attached as Appendix One, an Excel workbook containing the information requested. Please note, with improved data capturing and analysis, this data may differ slightly to figures previously reported elsewhere.

Please note, a significant proportion of requests for information considered by Corrections under the OIA are requests for the location of a person in prison.

Due to the manner that Corrections logs information requests, every individual that submits a request has their name and the name of the individual about whom they are seeking information, if applicable, recorded as the title field of the request. As such, all title fields for OIAs received by Corrections contain personal information that if released, would be likely to contravene our obligations under the Privacy Act 1993. The title fields have therefore been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

As per section 9(1) of the OIA, we have also considered whether there are countervailing public interest considerations favouring the release of the requested information. We do not believe such considerations are present in this case.

Additionally, some requests submitted to the centralised info@corrections.govt.nz email address and logged by Corrections' Ministerial Services team, based at Corrections' National Office are then referred to and completed by other areas of Corrections such as prisons or Community Corrections. In these cases, the sent date is denoted with 'referred'. Ministerial Services does not have oversight over the completion dates for these requests and in order to identify this type of specific information, we would be required to manually review a large number of files. Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information cannot be readily 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, Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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