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Tēnā koe Kylie

Thank you for your request of 27 October 2023 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting to know whether instructions about removing the use of the word Aotearoa were given in regard to the preparation of briefings to incoming ministers. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

Has the agency or any staff received external or internal instruction, direction or guidance, written or oral, to prepare, develop, review or edit briefings to incoming ministers with a view to removing the use of the word 'Aotearoa' or other te Reo Māori? If so, what was the instruction received (either copies of meeting minutes/emails/other document or via a summary of the memory of staff involved in the discussion(s)).

I am advised that no internal or external instructions were given to prepare, review, or edit any briefing to our incoming minister with a view to removing the use of the word Aotearoa or any other te reo Māori word.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response 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



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