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Tēnā koe Colin,

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 19 March 2024 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting the following information:

“...What process was used by Corrections for giving a Covid19 booster exemption to fully vaccinated Corrections staff who returned to work, prior to the 15th May 2022 after recovering from contracting Covid19, and no longer testing positive for Covid19?

Or did these staff just remain off work until 15th May 2022, and were subsequently included in the 220 staff who 'returned to work' after the 15th May 2022, when the new version of the 7A Exemption was enacted?...”

Corrections needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 20 working days, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. Therefore, you can expect to receive a response to your request by 20 May 2024. If you no longer require this information, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please be advised that should you have any concerns regarding this response you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

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