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Tēnā koe Mr Russell

Thank you for your email of 7 December 2020, requesting various information relating to the fixed fee phone pilot at Auckland Prison. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

- *Please provide me with all material relating to the pilot of lower cost phone calls being run at Auckland Prison, including, but not limited to: high level policy documents... assessment criteria for evaluating the pilot, progress reports, operational guidance, other guidance to prisoners and staff.*

Consultations have determined that a large number of documents fall within the scope of your request. Estimates indicate there are hundreds of documents and to identify and gather all information within scope would require extensive consultation and collation between various staff across different teams at Auckland Prison and National Office. Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

We have considered whether to affix a charge or extend the time limit for responding. However, given the scale of the request we do not consider that this would be an appropriate use of our limited publicly funded resources.

Corrections has, however, identified certain information that falls within the scope of your request which has previously been released under the OIA. Please find this attached.

Please note, some information is withheld in the attached documents pursuant to the following sections of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- Section 6(c), as the disclosure of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial;
- Section 9(2)(i), to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; and
- Section 9(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.

- *...ministerial briefings...*

Corrections was unable to locate any Ministerial Briefings within the scope of your request. Accordingly, this part of your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jones', written in a cursive style.

Robert Jones
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People and Capability