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Tēnā koe Ti

Thank you for your email of 16 January 2023 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa (the Department), requesting a copy of reports conducted by and for the Department of Corrections investigating the 2020 Waikeria Prison Riot. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

Please provide me with all reports conducted by and for the Department of Corrections investigating the Waikeria Prison riots of 2020-2021.

We have identified two reports that fall within scope of your request. The first is the Chief Custodial Officer's Operational Review into the riot which was completed in the months following the event. The second is the Report of the Independent Inquiry into the Waikeria Prison Riot which was completed over a longer period of time.

We have decided to refuse your request under Section 6(c) of the OIA as releasing this information is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial. This is due to active criminal proceedings in regard to the Waikeria Prison riot, and the content of these reports covering evidence being presented in these proceedings. The remaining criminal trial is currently set down for May 2024.

Once court proceedings have concluded and section 6(c) of the OIA no longer applies, Corrections will consider the public release of the reports.

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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