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Tēnā koe Liam

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 28 February 2024 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting the following information:

In April 2019, it was made publicly known that the Department of Corrections spent over \$1million dollars purchasing 193 slushy machines, installed in 16 sites across the country for Corrections staff/Officers use.

Source:

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.stuff.co.nz%2Fnational%2Fpolitics%2F112278068%2Fcorrections-1m-slushy-fund-to-keep-prison-guards-cool-during-summer-heat-wave&data=05%7C02%7Cinfo%40corrections.govt.nz%7Cffe47eb010a84923a2c908dc3810e9f7%7Cfc4d60d1bb674d7b898109a1c54e91ea%7C0%7C0%7C638446892501786773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLjCjBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IVfdf8%2BG3Qr3me90S6bl%2FHXXs8B1AwT3DTnuUIQ8Wsc%3D&reserved=0>

Based off the above fact, I am requesting the below information:

- 1. How many of the 193 slushy machines that were purchased/installed in 2019, are still in use as of February 2024?*
- 2. If the answer to Q1, is that they are no longer in use can you please provide a brief explanation of what happened to the 193 slushy machines (i.e sold, returned to supplier etc) and when this occurred (Month and Year)*
- 3. Other than the original purchase/installation costs in 2019, what are/were the ongoing operating cost of these slushy machines? (I.e Concentrate Syrups, Cups, Straws, Maintenance on the machines etc). Ideally if this can be broken down for each year, and for each type of expense.*
- 4. If known, how many Corrections staff/Officers utilised these slushy machines (from date of install to February 2024)?*

5. *In total (from date of install to February 2024) how many bottles of concentrate syrup were purchased to refill the slushy machines nationally?*

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 29 April 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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