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Tēnā koe Ms McIntyre

I refer to your email of 7 April 2019, originally addressed to the Ministry of Justice, requesting information about prisoners serving life sentences. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). As you are aware, the following questions have been transferred to Corrections in accordance with section 14 of the OIA.

You requested:

- *The total number of people who are currently serving life sentences in New Zealand prisons.*

As at 10 April 2019, there were 527 prisoners serving a sentence of life imprisonment.

- *The total number of people who have been sentenced to a life sentence but have been released from prison.*

As at 8 May 2019, the number of people who have been imprisoned on a life sentence, have subsequently been released, and are now subject to life parole (which is an open-ended order) is 289.

Ngā mihi nui

Rachel Leota
National Commissioner