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Dear Mr O'Riley

**Official Information Act 1982 request**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 10 April 2019 regarding convictions and incarcerations. Your requests and my responses are set out below.

1. *The total number of people sentenced each year for a criminal offence regardless of how many convictions they each received, for each calendar year from 2000 to 2018.*
2. *The total number of individual convictions given each year, for each calendar year from 2000 to 2018.*
3. *The total number of times each year where consecutive sentencing was used when imposing a period of incarceration, for each calendar year from 2000 to 2018, broken down by offence type.*
4. *The total number of times each year where concurrent sentencing was used when imposing a period of incarceration, for each calendar year from 2000 to 2018, broken down by offence type.*

Please note that an individual may receive more than one type of sentence when convicted of a charge. The most serious sentence is used in the data provided.

In response to question 1, please refer to Table 1 attached.

In response to question 2, please refer to Table 2 attached.

For question 3, I have interpreted the number of times each year that "consecutive sentencing was used when imposing a period of incarceration" as the number of convictions each year for which the most serious sentence imposed was a cumulative sentence of imprisonment. In response to question 3, please refer to Table 3 attached.

For question 4, I have interpreted the number of times each year that "concurrent sentencing was used when imposing a period of incarceration" as the number of convictions each year for which the most serious sentence imposed was a concurrent sentence of imprisonment. In response to question 4, please refer to Table 4 attached.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143; calling 0800 802 602; or emailing [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Yours sincerely



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**Table 1: Number of people sentenced, by most serious sentence, 2000 - 2018**

Number of people sentence	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total	74,701	75,050	74,526	77,784	79,904	79,136	82,523	88,933	95,507	100,127	95,715	87,309	81,294	74,869	68,885	63,764	64,651	64,447	60,762

**Please note:**

- This data counts a person once per calendar year for their most serious conviction each year

**Table 2: Number of individual convictions, 2000 - 2018**

Most serious sentence	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total	174,081	173,529	170,777	181,447	187,094	187,435	201,144	213,828	231,604	242,509	230,373	207,884	197,241	179,463	162,945	155,620	164,279	167,781	158,809

**Table 3: Number of convictions for which cumulative imprisonment sentences were imposed, 2000 – 2018**

Offence type (ANZSOC division)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
01: Homicide and related offences	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
02: Acts intended to cause injury	305	311	309	385	448	486	510	504	587	618	548	549	528	450	416	444	410	416	346
03: Sexual assault and related offences	47	37	50	69	53	97	80	65	62	56	52	54	83	55	132	56	84	49	70
04: Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	62	46	51	90	121	126	165	151	119	107	114	90	82	89	90	95	88	96	54
05: Abduction, harassment and other offences against the person	42	68	55	70	74	66	75	73	109	106	93	104	79	80	74	76	85	81	62
06: Robbery, extortion and related offences	34	42	43	28	38	34	33	26	43	71	19	19	37	21	22	29	28	26	20
07: Unlawful entry with intent/burglary, break and enter	327	302	333	290	388	378	329	362	239	251	240	230	212	119	127	112	134	111	72
08: Theft and related offences	591	644	553	720	832	751	836	938	823	816	627	603	553	539	549	595	707	615	461
09: Fraud, deception and related offences	632	407	451	455	819	683	549	577	274	435	362	174	134	236	169	175	190	167	138
10: Illicit drug offences	184	136	160	176	230	233	253	256	199	239	520	253	293	164	186	188	245	209	171
11: Prohibited and regulated weapons and explosives offences	64	56	51	97	121	116	140	112	118	119	124	87	82	86	118	95	84	109	75
12: Property damage and environmental pollution	100	136	103	116	139	162	218	171	174	192	160	159	134	106	93	125	111	90	66
13: Public order offences	81	72	60	106	105	125	169	161	180	142	155	137	138	131	100	216	132	113	50
14: Traffic and vehicle regulatory offences	358	284	283	341	440	488	529	593	490	448	396	393	332	281	264	249	237	227	146
15: Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	409	425	424	543	817	823	1,015	1,123	1,234	1,504	1,359	1,455	1,341	1,027	958	1,077	1,131	909	683
16: Miscellaneous offences	19	9	3	44	4	14	14	18	12	51	5	6	35	35	167	16	0	4	7
Total	3,257	2,975	2,929	3,530	4,630	4,582	4,916	5,130	4,663	5,155	4,779	4,314	4,064	3,421	3,466	3,548	3,666	3,222	2,421

**Please note:**

- If a convicted person receives multiple cumulative imprisonment sentences for different offences the sentences are served one after the other
- The Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) is used to categorise offences into 16 divisions, within which subdivisions and groups exist
- The data provides the total number of convictions for which cumulative imprisonment was the most serious sentence, broken down by the ANZSOC division of the offence.