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Tēnā koe Mr O'Riley

Thank you for your further email of 8 August 2019, requesting information regarding prisoners. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have requested:

*The number of prisoners in custody listed by their most serious/lead offence as at 31<sup>st</sup> of December for each calendar year from 2000. Please break this down by race/ethnicity and gender.*

*Please also attach the relevant ANZSOC code and offence category (Category 1 – 4) to each offence. If data going back to the calendar year is unavailable then please supply data as far back as records allow.*

Please refer to Appendix One for the requested information. Note that all ethnicity information is self-reported by prisoners upon their reception at prison and we do not attempt to verify or confirm prisoners' ethnicity. Furthermore, prisoners are able to identify themselves with multiple ethnicities; the information provided in Appendix One is based on their primary ethnicity.

Further information regarding the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) codes and offence categories can be found at the following link: [http://archive.stats.govt.nz/tools\\_and\\_services/nzdotstat/tables-by-subject/prison-com-sent-pop-tables.aspx](http://archive.stats.govt.nz/tools_and_services/nzdotstat/tables-by-subject/prison-com-sent-pop-tables.aspx).

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these 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 nui

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Rachel Leota  
National Commissioner