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Dear Alley

On 6 November 2019 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *How many people were prosecuted by MSD in 2019 for benefit fraud by not declaring partners/spouses and will they still actively investigate people or have policies changed concerning this matter?*

I understand that a response was due to be sent on or before 20 December 2019, but you have yet to receive a response.

Unfortunately, there has been a breakdown in our system, which has affected several responses including yours.

We are addressing this, and I would like to offer my sincere apologies for the delay in providing a response.

I can inform you that the Ministry has decided to grant your request. However, it will take some time to prepare the information for release. The information will be sent to you by 12 March 2020.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Your sincerely

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