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Tēnā koe Moka

Thank you for your email of 16 August 2021, requesting information about the number of breaches of parole and recalls over the last five years. Your request is being considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

- 1) *Please provide me with the total number of breaches of parole conditions per annum, as far back as 5 years. Please break this down by ethnicity and gender.*
- 2) *Please provide me with the total number of recalls to prison due to breach of parole conditions per annum, as far back as 5 years. Please break this down by ethnicity and gender.*
- 3) *Please provide me with the total number of recalls to prison in regards to 'life sentenced inmates' due to breach of parole conditions per annum, as far back as 5 years. Please break this down by ethnicity and gender.*

People on parole can be recalled for multiple reasons, which can be summarised as breaching conditions, reoffending or an increase in risk that the Board considers incompatible with continued parole.

Your request for *the total number of recalls to prison due to breach of parole conditions and the total number of recalls to prison in regards to 'life sentenced inmates' due to breach of parole conditions* would be very difficult to provide without substantial collation. The Board's recall decisions are recorded in free text, and to identify this type of information we would be required to manually review each decision. Additionally, it would not suffice to count recalls where a breach is present, as the breach may be minor in nature and inconsequential to the considerations of the Board when making the decision to recall. Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Corrections can, however, provide the number of hearings where a recall was approved, broken down by gender, ethnicity and if the individual was on a life sentence or non-life sentence.

We have decided to grant your request. However, it will take us some time to prepare the information for release. We will send you the information by 9 November 2021.

I trust the notice of this decision is of assistance. Should you have concerns with this response, I encourage you to raise them 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jones', written in a cursive style.

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People and Capability