

# Hon Kelvin Davis

MP for Te Tai Tokerau

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Bruce

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Tēnā koe Bruce

I refer to your email of 14 September 2021, requesting information regarding the release of a former prisoner from Rimutaka Prison.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

- *Please provide all information held, generated and received regarding the release of former prisoner David Ross from Wellington Regional Prison (Rimutaka Prison). Mr Ross was released on February 24 2020. I would like the search period to extend to 6 months prior to his release up to the present day.*

I have interpreted your request to include any records held, generated or received by my office in my capacity as the Minister of Corrections.

As Minister of Corrections I receive regular briefings and updates from officials on various issues. However, I cannot intervene in, nor does my office generally hold records about, operational matters such as individuals' releases from prison.

My office does not hold and has not generated or received information regarding the release of former prisoner David Ross within the time period requested. As such, your request for this information is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the documents you have requested do not exist.

If you have any concerns with this response you may raise them with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelvin Davis".

Hon Kelvin Davis  
Minister of Corrections