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Tēnā koe Kirsten

Thank you for your email of 1 October 2021, requesting information about unlock hours for people in prison. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

Please provide me, in excel format, the full daily records of prisoners' time out of cell between 1st August 2021 and 30th September 2021. I understand this will involve private information that you will need to redact. If this information is not available at an individual level, please give me this broken down into the smallest group (such as unit or unlock regime) and explain how this information is collected.

Each prison site, and within that each unit, has highly variable operational procedures in place with respect to its daily timetable schedule. People in prison are unlocked at variable times and their day will depend on their classification, their category placement, the available facilities, their employment commitments, medical appointments, and Court appearances or any programme(s) that they may attend.

As such, Corrections does not centrally record details of unlock regimes for any prison sites, wings or units, and it is not possible to extract this information from our electronic records. Accordingly, your request for daily prison schedules is declined under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Corrections and we have no grounds for believing that the information is either held by or connected more closely with the functions of another department.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would 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.

Robert Jones
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