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Tēnā koe Kirsten

Thank you for your request of 1 October 2021, requesting information about mask use for staff and people in prison as part of the COVID-19 response. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

We have decided to grant your request in part, namely information which relates to the Corrections' policy on the use of masks for staff and people in prison, whether masks use is mandated for staff and people in prison and how many masks have been obtained by the Corrections since January 2020. However, it will take us some time to prepare this information for release. We will send you that information by as soon as possible. We have also decided to refuse your request for information which relates to mask use per month under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Corrections, and we have no grounds for believing it is to be held by, or more closely connected with, the functions of another agency.

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



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