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Tēnā koe Courtney

Thank you for your request of 1 October 2021 requesting information about temporary release for rehabilitative purposes. Your request is being considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

- 1) How many instances of temporary release from prison “to assist in the prisoner’s rehabilitation” (see here: https://www.corrections.govt.nz/working_with_offenders/prison_sentences/release/home_visits) have occurred, per week, since January 1, 2019? Please break this down by prison and provide me with the information in an excel spreadsheet.*
- 2) How many scheduled temporary releases from prison have been cancelled or postponed during Level 3 and 4 lockdowns? Please break this down by prison and provide me with the information in an excel spreadsheet.*

We have decided to grant your request in part, namely information which relates to the number of temporary releases. However, it will take us some time to prepare this information for release. We will send you that information as soon as possible. We have also decided to refuse your request for information which relates to cancellations under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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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