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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 31 July 2024 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting the following information:

Under the Official Information Act, I am requesting the following information:

The demographic breakdown of the New Zealand prison population over the past five years, including the percentage of Maori inmates.

Annual recidivism rates over the past five years, broken down by ethnicity, age group, and gender.

Reports and evaluations on the factors contributing to recidivism among Maori prisoners.

Information on any specific rehabilitation or intervention programs targeted at Maori prisoners and their success rates.

Data on the average length of sentences served by prisoners, broken down by ethnicity and age group.

Corrections needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 15 working days, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. Therefore, you can expect to receive a response to your request by 23 July 2024. If you no longer require this information, please let us know as soon as possible.

I hope this information is helpful. Please be advised that should you have any concerns regarding this response you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brydie Raethel', written over a horizontal line.

Brydie Raethel
Manager Ministerial Services
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