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Tēnā koe

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

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

*Reports and evaluations on the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs at public prisons in New Zealand.*

*Similar reports and evaluations for private prisons, particularly focusing on the Wiri facility.*

*Comparative data on recidivism rates for participants in rehabilitation programs versus those who did not participate.*

*Details on the types of rehabilitation programs offered, including educational, vocational, mental health, and substance abuse programs.*

*Success metrics used to evaluate the rehabilitation programs, such as employment rates post-release, reduced reoffending rates, and participant feedback.*


*Information on the funding and resource allocation for rehabilitation programs in both public and private prisons.*

*Case studies or examples of successful rehabilitation outcomes in both public and private prisons.*

Corrections needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 20 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 30 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

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Brydie Raethel  
Manager Ministerial Services  
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