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Tēnā koe Reece,

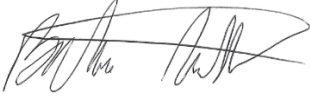
Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 17 July 2024 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting the following information:

- 1. I request all information about the programmes and services you fund or deliver in prison with a specific Maori or Tikanga Maori focus.*
- 2. What specific programmes are available that encompasses Tikanga Maori or Te Ao Maori for offenders in prison.*
- 3. How much of the Corrections budget is dedicated to funding Maori specific programmes? What percentage is that of the annual Corrections budget?*
- 4. What MOUs or relationships are established between Corrections and Marae, Hapu, Iwi or other urban Maori authorities to strengthen these programmes?*
- 5. What specific programmes are available to Maori offenders in prison aged between 17 and 25?*
- 6. Please provide information regarding the number of prisoners participating in tikanga Māori programmes in New Zealand prisons, as far back as such programmes have been in place. Please break this information down by month and by prison.*

Preparing a response to your request, in particular question five, has required consultation with a number of teams and business units, which is still ongoing. Corrections therefore 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 11 September 2024. If you no longer require this information, please let us know as soon as possible.

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
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