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Tēnā koe Colin

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2026 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting further information regarding the Severance provision in Collective Agreements, following our previous response to you on 16 June 2026 (our reference C214725). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

I would like an explanation as to why the 'Severance Clause' contained in the 2019-2021 Collective Employment Agreement, (and prior Collective Employment Agreements) was omitted from the 2021-2023 Collective Employment Agreement?

The Severance provision is contained under clause 10.1.3(h) in both Collective Agreements.

Therefore, your request for an explanation as to why the provision was omitted from the 2021-2023 Collective Agreement is refused under 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Corrections and we have no grounds for believing it is held by another agency or connected more closely to the functions of another agency.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

If you have any concerns with this response, we encourage you to raise them with Corrections. Alternatively, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602 or by post to the Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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