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Dear Ms Morgan

Thank you for your email dated 6 March 2016, requesting information about avenues for collective communication available to and created by people incarcerated in New Zealand prisons. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The Department of Corrections does not have a policy that allows prisoners to create and circulate their own newsletters in New Zealand prisons, and we are unaware of any prisoners who are undertaking this. Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

However, I can advise that prison staff at two of the Department's prisons produce a quarterly newsletter that has input from prisoners.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Department. 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.

Yours sincerely



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