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Dear Ti Lamusse

Thank you for your email of 10 December 2016, requesting information about reports produced by the Ombudsman under the Crimes of Torture Act 1989. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have requested:

"all reports produced by the Ombudsman into New Zealand prisons with the authority granted to it under the Crimes of Torture Act between 2007 and today's date (10/12/16)" [sic]

As you may be aware, the Department has recently published four of these reports on the Department's website and these can be found at: http://www.corrections.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2016_media_releases/corrections_releases_cota_reports.html. The Department intends to release new reports periodically in the future.

Your request covers a nine year period and as such it is estimated that your request covers more than 50 reports. Each report contains operational details which, if released, could pose risks to the security of New Zealand's prisons. Accordingly, prior to release of these reports, the Department would need to manually review a large number of documents and consult extensively within the Department.

In accordance with the OIA, we have considered whether to affix a charge or extend the time limit for responding. However, given the scale of the request we do not consider that this would be an appropriate use of our publicly funded resources. Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I invite you to consider refining your request to reduce the volume of documentation which potentially falls within the scope of this request. If you wish to refine your request please contact the Department. Any refined request

will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the OIA and a new decision will be made.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Katie Elkin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Katie Elkin
Acting Deputy Chief Executive
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