



## Office of Hon Louise Upston

Minister of Corrections  
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Ti Lamusse

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Dear Ti Lamusse

I refer to your email of 17 March 2017, requesting information regarding advice provided to the Minister of Corrections regarding the Department of Corrections' Suicide Prevention Strategy.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have asked for all advice provided to the Minister of Corrections pertaining to the Department of Corrections' Suicide Prevention Strategy. I receive regular verbal and written updates from my officials, which may contain information on Corrections' suicide prevention strategy. I am advised that Corrections has developed a suicide prevention strategy, however, I have not identified any formal briefings or aides memoire that relate to Corrections' Suicide Prevention Strategy. Further, I have not identified any correspondence on this matter from the Chief Executive, Department of Corrections. Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

You may be aware the Government has a suicide prevention strategy developed by the Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Health has led the development of this strategy, and will continue to lead and coordinate the multisectoral implementation. A key feature of the New Zealand Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy was the demonstration of leadership and coordination at the Government level. This included the formation in 1999 of the Ministerial Committee on Youth Suicide Prevention and the Inter-Agency Committee on Youth Suicide Prevention. These committees have played a key role in the development of this strategy and will continue to do so throughout its implementation. The names of both these committees have been changed (Youth has been deleted) to reflect the broadening out to an all-age focus.

You may be interested in reviewing the Government Suicide Prevention Strategy which can be found at:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/suicide-prevention-strategy-2006-2016.pdf>

If you have any concerns with this response you may raise them with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Louise Upston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Hon Louise Upston**  
Minister of Corrections