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Dear Alex

Thank you for your emails of 9 July 2017, requesting information about offenders on electronically monitored sentences. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The Department utilises electronic monitoring to manage an offender's compliance with the conditions of their community based sentence or order. The Department implemented GPS monitoring in 2012 in addition to its use of Radio Frequency technology. The technology was introduced to mitigate an offender's risk to the community and strengthen public safety.

One of the main benefits of GPS is that the technology enables us to manage an offender's compliance with conditions that relate to their whereabouts. For example, GPS provides us information about where offenders go, how long it takes them to get there, and the routes that they take on each occasion.

You have requested the following information across both of your requests:

- 1. Please provide a schedule showing the dates of suicides of offenders/defendants on electronically monitored sentences and orders from January 2002 up to the month ended 30 June 2017, including the type of sentence or order of each individual.*
- 2. Please provide the total number of offenders/defendants given electronically monitored sentences/orders since January 2002 up to 30 June 2017, broken down by month and type of sentence/order.*

Your request is for a substantial amount of information across a 15 year period and the data is not recorded in a manner that could easily be provided to you. Unfortunately, we must therefore decline your request in accordance with 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

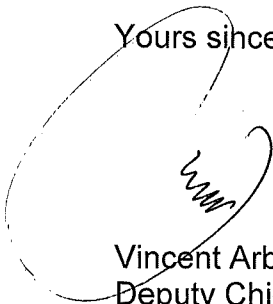
In accordance with the OIA, we have considered whether to affix a charge or extend the time limit for responding. However, given the scale of the request we

do not consider that this would be an appropriate use of our publicly funded resources.

We have attempted to locate your contact details to refine your request; however, we have been unable to do so. Should you wish, please feel free to contact us at info@corrections.govt.nz and we would be happy to discuss this request further with you.

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 read 'Vincent Arbuckle', is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval shape.

Vincent Arbuckle
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