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Jenny Mondial  
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Dear Ms Mondial

I refer to your email of 18 August 2017, to the Ministry of Justice, requesting information about the cost of enforcing breaches of court orders. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

As the part of your request concerning *'an overall average figure per enforcement up to and including imprisonment'* was considered to be more closely connected to the functions of Corrections, it was transferred to this Department for response. I have been asked to reply.

Please note that the remainder of your request (not addressed in this response) remains with the Ministry of Justice.

You requested:

*'Please also include an overall average figure per enforcement up to and including imprisonment, as well as a breakdown of cost per each step.'*

Corrections does not categorise its costs by offence. Rather, we report regularly on the cost of managing offenders, categorised by type of sentence being administered (for example: imprisonment, community detention, intensive supervision etc.)

We are unable to fulfil your request for enforcement costs related specifically to breaches of court orders, up to and including imprisonment. Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information requested is not held by the Department and we have no grounds for believing that it is held by another agency or more closely connected with the functions of another agency.

You may, however, be interested in our publicly available data on the cost of managing offenders. You may find the average cost of managing offenders (on a range of sentences) on pages 20 and 21 of our 2015/16 annual report: [http://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/strategic\\_reports/annual-reports/annual\\_report\\_201516.html](http://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/strategic_reports/annual-reports/annual_report_201516.html)

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 'Richard Waggott', written in a cursive style.

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