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Dear Mr McIntosh

Thank you for your email of 30 May 2018, that was transferred from the Ministry of Social Development requesting information about recall rates and failing to comply with conditions under section 14 or the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Your request has been considered under the OIA.

Corrections provides assistance to newly released offenders to find accommodation if they do not have any available. Corrections currently contracts a number of service providers, such as the Salvation Army, to provide transitional accommodation for up to 90 days for prisoners released from a sentence of two years or longer (long serving prisoners). This service provides a 90 day window for released prisoners to receive further navigational services in order to secure suitable longer term accommodation options. These services are concentrated in the six metropolitan centres of Auckland, Hamilton, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

We aim to continue to grow our capacity in supported accommodation service provision, and are working with providers to improve both supply of service and suitable accommodation stock in other areas of the country.

For released prisoners with a high risk of re-offending, Corrections contracts services to provide intensive residential programmes for a small number of offenders. These offenders are monitored in accordance with the monitoring conditions on their post-release orders and the accommodation service can last up to two years.

Corrections also provides an outcomes-based navigation service to improve offenders reintegration into the community by helping offenders access or establish suitable accommodation, budgeting advice, employment advice and support to address their needs. There have been over 4,000 referrals to date and this service will assist 2,150 offenders under this initiative each year.

Out of Gate is aimed at prisoners being released from a sentence of two years or less. These offenders make up the majority of those to be released and often have the most acute needs.

Offenders who are released by the New Zealand Parole Board (NZPB) are subject to conditions that are set by the NZPB. Offenders who are serving a sentence of less than two years are released once they have completed half of their sentence. These prisoners are subject to standard release conditions as outlined in the Parole Act 2002.

- *What is the current recall rate of paroled prisoners?*

In the 2016/17 financial year, there were 1,735 prisoners who were released by the NZPB; of these, 217 (12.5%) were recalled by the New Zealand Parole Board.

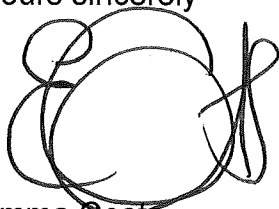
- *What percentage of prisoners are charged for failing to comply to release conditions?*
- *What is the statistics for reoffending and being returned to prison?*

The following table provides the number of offenders who were released, breached and recalled in 2016/17.

Order Type	Number of all offenders released	Number offenders breached or recalled	Percentage of breached or recalled
Parole	1,735	266	15.3%
Released on Conditions	5,229	1,374	26.3%
Total	6,964	1,640	23.5%

I trust the information provided is of assistance. If you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Corrections. 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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