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Dear Mr Russell

Thank you for your email of 1 June 2018, requesting information about the Corrections' timeliness to Official Information Act requests. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Corrections is New Zealand's largest core government agency, with approximately 9,000 staff managing around 40,000 prisoners and offenders across New Zealand, a budget of around \$1.4 billion and non-current assets of \$2.8 billion, which includes 18 operational prisons and 148 Community Corrections sites.

Corrections takes the statutory obligations of the OIA seriously. As you will note from the published OIA statistics on the State Services Commission (SSC) website Corrections' timeliness in 2015/16 was 91%, in 2016/17 96.7% and 98.2% for the first half of 2017/18.

As you may be aware, SSC publishes statistics regarding OIA response times. Statistics for the first six months of the 2017/18 financial year are published on SSC's website: <http://www.ssc.govt.nz/sites/all/files/oia-statistics-tables-jul-dec2017.xlsx>.

You have requested the following information:

For the past five calendar years, including the current calendar year:

- *the date the request was received*
- *the original (i.e. 20 working day) date the request was due*
- *the date an extension was sought*
- *the reason for the extension*
- *the length of the extension*
- *the new due date*
- *the date the final response was provided*
- *whether any information was withheld in the response, and if so under what ground/s of the OIA.*

Corrections will publish a breakdown of the information you have requested on its website, however this breakdown was not recorded prior to the 2016/17 financial year.

http://corrections.govt.nz/resources/official_information_act/managing_official_information_act_requests.html.

To provide a breakdown for the previous financial years would require over 6,000 individual files to be manually checked. Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(f) of the OIA as it would require substantial collation or research.

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