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Dear Mr Hanna

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2018, requesting a clarification about how Corrections handle media enquiries in relation to the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Your request has been considered under the OIA.

You have requested:

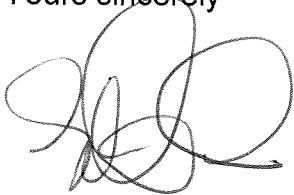
“Requests for official information are equally covered under the OIA regardless of whether or not the requester is a member of the media. Can you please clarify for me whether or not OIA requests received from the media were included in the statistics that have been released to me?”

I can confirm that the statistics provided do include some OIA requests from members of the media. However, as journalists typically work to tight deadlines, Corrections endeavours to provide a response to their queries within their tight timeframes. This generally involves providing a statement or information on an ongoing or developing event or topic. In these situations, when a response is usually provided within a day of the query, the request would not be recorded as an OIA for reporting purposes.

If the journalist requests more detailed information, such as statistics that are not readily available or reports, these requests are put through the OIA process and are counted as an OIA request for reporting purposes.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gillon Carruthers', written in a cursive style.

Gillon Carruthers
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