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Dear Mr Mortensen

**Official Information Act 1982 request**

Thank you for your email dated 27 September 2018, in which you requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), statistics of previous convictions for people convicted of murder and manslaughter.

Your questions and my responses are set out below:

1. *How many previous convictions did people convicted of murder or manslaughter between 2007 and 2016 have?*
  - a. *the mean average and standard deviation; and*
  - b. *the 10th, 25th, 50th (median), 75th and 90th percentile.*

In response to question 1, I have provided you with the number of people convicted of murder, and the number of people convicted of manslaughter, between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2017, who had previous convictions. Please see Tables 1 and 2, attached.

In response to part 1a and 1b of your request, I have provided you with the mean and standard deviation of previous convicted charges for people convicted of murder, and people convicted of manslaughter, between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2017. Please see Tables 3 and 4, attached.

2. *How many previous convictions for Category 3 and 4 offences (as defined by section 6 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011) did people convicted of murder or manslaughter between 2007 and 2016 have?*
  - a. *the mean average and standard deviation; and*
  - b. *the 10th, 25th, 50th (median), 75th and 90th percentile.*

In response to question 2, I have provided you with the number of people who had previous convicted charges for category 3 or 4 offences who were convicted of murder, and the number of people who had previous convicted charges of manslaughter, between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2017. Please see Tables 5 and 6, attached.

In response to part 2a and 2b of your request, I have provided you with the mean and standard deviation of previous convicted charges for category 3 or 4 offences for people convicted of murder, and people convicted of manslaughter, between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2017. Please see Tables 7 and 8, attached.

3. *For all the people convicted of murder or manslaughter between 2007 and 2016, how many (and what percentage) had at least one previous conviction that is a serious violent offence (as defined by section 86A of the Sentencing Act 2002)? Could you break this down by year, please.*

In response to question 3, I have provided you with the number of people convicted of murder, and the number of people who were convicted of manslaughter, who had previous convicted charges for serious violent offences, between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2017. Please see Tables 9 and 10, attached.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Antony Paltridge, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, by calling (04) 918 8980; or emailing [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143; calling 0800 802 602; or emailing [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JS', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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