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Dear Mr O'Riley

Thank you for your email of 9 January 2019, requesting information regarding prisoners. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

"A list of all offenders currently incarcerated by their most serious/lead offence only".

Please find the requested information attached as Appendix One. Please note this information includes both remand and sentenced prisoners and is a snapshot as at 31 December 2018.

Upon reviewing the attached information, you will also note that I have not provided exact numbers of prisoners where less than five prisoners have that offence listed as their most serious. Corrections is statutorily obligated to protect all private information that we hold, including information relating to offenders. I consider that releasing this information would unreasonably prejudice the privacy of those offenders currently serving a sentence for these offence types. Consequently, this part of your request is declined under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

As per section 9(1) of the OIA, I have also considered whether there are countervailing public interest considerations favouring the release of the requested information. I do not believe such considerations are present in this case.

Please note that Corrections does not decide who is in prison and who is in the community – this is a matter for the Courts and the Parole Board. Any decision about the type of sentence to be imposed is made by the sentencing Judge.

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 read 'Rachel Leota', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rachel Leota
National Commissioner