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Dear Ti Lamusse

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 1 April 2019. Your requests and my responses are set out below.

1. *Broken down by year as far back as records permit, the total number of people under the age of 18 being arrested, broken down by ethnicity, sentencing outcome and age group.*

On 4 April 2019, question 1 was transferred to the New Zealand Police for response. They will respond to you directly.

Broken down by year as far back as records permit, the total number of people under the age of 18 being processed through the adult justice system, broken down by ethnicity, sentencing outcome and age group.

I have interpreted this question as:

2. *Broken down by year as far back as records permit, the total number of people under the age of 18 with charges finalised in the District or High Court, broken down by ethnicity, sentencing outcome and age group.*

In response to question 2, please refer to Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 attached. Note that this data shows people with charges finalised in a District or High Court. People aged 17 years have all their charges in the District or High Court.

3. *Broken down by year as far back as records permit, the total number of people under the age of 18 sentenced to life imprisonment or preventive detention, broken down by ethnicity, sentencing outcome and age group.*

In response to question 3 of your request, please refer to Tables 5 and 6 attached.

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

Yours sincerely



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Table 1: Number of people aged under 18 years with charges finalised in the District or High Court, 1992 – 2018

Charge outcome	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Convicted	4,527	4,511	4,692	5,049	5,144	5,161	5,472	5,310	4,896	4,948	5,375	5,663	5,507	5,745
Other proved	196	221	251	276	281	335	343	356	402	390	384	1,161	2,419	2,313
Not proved	1,722	1,519	1,716	2,110	2,162	2,170	2,448	2,380	2,625	2,624	2,600	1,947	1,197	1,015
Other	5	5	3	9	5	6	3	2	3	4	5	4	7	2
Total	6,450	6,256	6,662	7,444	7,592	7,672	8,266	8,048	7,926	7,966	8,364	8,775	9,130	9,075

Charge outcome	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Convicted	6,302	6,573	6,855	6,431	5,480	4,131	3,407	2,853	2,287	2,060	1,964	1,876	1,563
Other proved	2,219	2,471	2,478	2,400	2,074	1,394	1,038	869	676	639	617	593	488
Not proved	1,056	1,006	994	826	710	586	479	357	313	254	283	264	266
Other	4	9	5	2	6	8	10	9	13	7	12	13	8
Total	9,581	10,059	10,332	9,659	8,270	6,119	4,934	4,088	3,289	2,960	2,876	2,746	2,325

- This data counts a person once per calendar year for their most serious charge finalised in a District or High Court
- 'Other proved' charge outcomes include 'discharge without conviction' and 'adult diversion'. 'Not proved' outcomes include being acquitted, or the charge being withdrawn or dismissed. 'Other' charge outcomes include being found 'not guilty by reason of insanity' or 'unfit to stand trial'.

Table 2: Number of people aged under 18 years with charges finalised in the District or High Court, by ethnicity, 1992 – 2018

Ethnicity	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
European	3,007	2,950	3,139	3,421	3,444	3,447	3,895	3,794	3,713	3,746	3,860	4,074	4,019	4,062
Māori	1,964	1,966	2,069	2,383	2,435	2,568	2,636	2,632	2,582	2,473	2,649	2,841	2,985	3,059
Pacific Peoples	369	395	424	484	531	594	509	528	492	527	537	550	591	619
Other	108	132	150	153	204	242	234	243	298	372	441	787	1,384	686
Unknown	1,002	813	880	1,003	978	881	992	851	841	848	877	523	151	649
Total	6,450	6,256	6,662	7,444	7,592	7,672	8,266	8,048	7,926	7,966	8,364	8,775	9,130	9,075

Ethnicity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
European	4,490	4,739	4,812	4,741	4,015	2,788	2,098	1,676	1,182	1,052	910	886	680
Māori	3,300	3,400	3,632	3,425	3,100	2,433	2,071	1,745	1,506	1,344	1,360	1,261	1,041
Pacific Peoples	744	835	836	809	619	529	466	413	347	297	272	238	215
Other	244	252	268	265	216	170	119	103	93	71	83	50	39
Unknown	803	833	784	419	320	199	180	151	161	196	251	311	350
Total	9,581	10,059	10,332	9,659	8,270	6,119	4,934	4,088	3,289	2,960	2,876	2,746	2,325

- This data counts a person once per calendar year for their most serious charge finalised in a District or High Court
- Ethnicity information originates from the Police.

Table 3: Number of people aged under 18 years with charges finalised in the District or High Court, by age, 1992 – 2018

Age (years)	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
12-13 years	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
14	40	37	36	44	44	51	33	44	49	54	66	74	74	62
15	197	227	213	243	271	263	287	244	282	264	328	328	315	325
16	746	683	702	773	773	862	940	878	869	854	925	895	857	870
17	5,466	5,309	5,711	6,383	6,504	6,495	7,006	6,882	6,726	6,794	7,044	7,478	7,884	7,818
Unknown	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6,450	6,256	6,662	7,444	7,592	7,672	8,266	8,048	7,926	7,966	8,364	8,775	9,130	9,075

Age (years)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
12-13 years	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
14	65	56	44	39	31	28	17	16	8	11	10	9	6
15	277	286	229	211	158	80	64	50	44	30	32	33	21
16	833	791	661	575	450	297	215	187	151	127	126	84	88
17	8,406	8,926	9,398	8,834	7,630	5,714	4,637	3,835	3,086	2,790	2,707	2,618	2,208
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Total	9,581	10,059	10,332	9,659	8,270	6,119	4,934	4,088	3,289	2,960	2,876	2,746	2,325

- This data counts a person once per calendar year for their most serious charge finalised in a District or High Court
- Age is the person's age at the offence date of their most serious offence each year. Where a person's age is recorded as 'unknown' other information was used to determine they were a child or young person, or a person aged 17 years.