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Tēnā koe Ms McIntyre

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman about Corrections' decision to refuse your request for information concerning searches in prisons (our reference C107063).

I am writing in response to the Office of the Ombudsman's investigation into your complaint. Upon reviewing your requests, Corrections has reconsidered our response to your request.

You requested the following information:

Please provide me with the following information, from as far back as records permit until the current date. Please provide this information for each prison, broken down by both fiscal year and purpose of the search (e.g. Section 98(7) of the Corrections Act 2004):

- 1. The total number of searches carried out on prisoners*
- 2. The total number of searches carried out on cells*

Please also explain any relevant caveats that should be kept in mind when analysing this information.

I am able to advise that we have carried out another search of our records, and on this occasion have been able to identify some of the information you requested. We will therefore provide a more fulsome response to your request as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely



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