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Tēnā koe Mr O'Riley

Thank you for your email of 3 May 2019, requesting information about offenders. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

1. *For each calendar year, how many offenders each year completed their prison sentence and were released.*
 - a. *Of these offenders, how many were completing a sentence which was for an offence for which they received a first strike under the Sentencing and Parole Reform Act 2010*
 - b. *Of these offenders, how many were completing a sentence which was for an offence for which they received a second strike under the Sentencing and Parole Reform Act 2010*
 - c. *Of these offenders, how many were completing a sentence which was for an offence for which they received a third strike under the Sentencing and Parole Reform Act 2010*

Please refer to Appendix One for the requested information. Please note that these numbers include people who have been either released on conditions on their statutory release date, or released on parole.

2. *For each calendar year how many offenders who were released have since been convicted of a new imprisonable offence.*
 - a. *Of these offenders, how many had previously served a sentence for which they received a first strike.*
 - b. *Of these offenders, how many had previously served a sentence for which they received a second strike.*
 - c. *Of these offenders, how many had previously served a sentence for which they received a third strike.*

Please refer to Appendix Two. Corrections does not record all offences which individuals have been convicted of into 'imprisonable' and 'non-imprisonable' categories. The figures provided show the number of people who were convicted of any new offence that resulted in a new sentence administered by

Corrections. This includes both sentences of imprisonment and community-based sentences. Please note that those released in earlier years have experienced a longer period within which to be reconvicted. As a result, it may not be helpful to compare rates of reconviction of those released across different years.

3. For each calendar year how many offenders who were released have since been convicted of a new non-imprisonable offence.

a. Of these offenders, how many had previously served a sentence for which they received a first strike.

b. Of these offenders, how many had previously served a sentence for which they received a second strike.

c. Of these offenders, how many had previously served a sentence for which they received a third strike.

Please refer to Appendix Three for this information. Please note that these numbers show those released who were then convicted of a new offence and received a new sentence not administered by Corrections. This could include those who received a fine, a driving disqualification or a reparation order.

To calculate the figures provided, we calculated the difference between the number of convictions received and the number of Corrections administered sentences received. Therefore, the figures in this table relate to those who were convicted of an offence but did not receive a Corrections administered sentence as a result.

4. For each calendar year how many offenders who were released have since been re-imprisoned for breach of bail conditions or terms of release.

a. Of these offenders, how many had previously served a sentence for which they received a first strike.

b. Of these offenders, how many had previously served a sentence for which they received a second strike.

c. Of these offenders, how many had previously served a sentence for which they received a third strike.

Please refer to Appendix Four for this information. Please note that this information does not include 'breach of bail conditions', as this is not an offence that can result in imprisonment. If someone breaches their bail conditions, they may then be held in custody on remand pending their court hearing, rather than remaining in the community on bail.

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.

Ngā mihi nui

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Rachel Leota
National Commissioner

Appendix One – Number of offenders who were released from prison and how many were completing a sentence for an offence for which they received a first, second or third strike

Year	Total releases	No strike	First strike	Second strike
2010	7901	7890	11	
2011	7899	7789	110	
2012	7418	7157	259	2
2013	7312	6849	458	5
2014	7191	6542	639	10
2015	7331	6620	699	12
2016	8032	7268	747	17
2017	8297	7463	797	37
2018	8023	7008	954	61

Appendix Two – The number of offenders released each year who were convicted of a new offence that resulted in a new sentence administered by Corrections, and how many of these offenders had previously received a conviction for which they received a first, second or third strike.

Year	Total releases	No strike	First strike	Second strike
2010	6393	6382	11	
2011	6303	6211	92	
2012	5843	5695	147	1
2013	5710	5407	299	4
2014	5431	5036	387	8
2015	5365	4935	420	10
2016	5657	5269	375	13
2017	4983	4625	339	19
2018	2448	2251	179	18

Appendix Three - The number of offenders released each year who were convicted of a new offence that resulted in a new sentence not administered by Corrections, and how many of these offenders had previously received a conviction for which they received a first, second or third strike.

Year	Total releases	No strike	First strike	Second strike
2010	6816	6805	11	
2011	6707	6610	97	
2012	6228	6052	175	1
2013	6072	5731	337	4
2014	5833	5380	444	9
2015	5834	5335	488	11
2016	6214	5751	449	14
2017	5713	5264	425	24
2018	3311	3009	271	31

Appendix Four - The number of offenders released each year who were re-imprisoned for a breach of either their release or parole conditions, and how many of these offenders had previously received a conviction for which they received a first, second or third strike.

Year	Total releases	No strike	First strike	Second strike
2010	2479	2472	7	
2011	2459	2418	41	
2012	2247	2192	55	
2013	2200	2093	105	2
2014	2166	2017	145	4
2015	2199	2034	159	6
2016	2363	2209	152	2
2017	1943	1788	146	9
2018	1019	906	104	9