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Dear Ti

Thank you for your email of 6 July 2019 to the Ministry of Justice, requesting information about offenders remanded in custody. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

As you are aware, your request was considered more closely connected with the functions of Corrections, and was transferred to Corrections for response on 22 July 2019, pursuant to section 14 of the OIA.

It is important to note that Corrections does not decide who is in the community, and who is in prison. Bail decisions are made by the Court or the Police, and parole decisions are made by the New Zealand Parole Board. There are a range of factors that influence the prison population, including arrests, court decisions, releases and seasonal trends.

You may be aware that Corrections has established the High Impact Innovation Programme (HIIP), which operates a number of initiatives to prevent unnecessary delays for people in the justice system. The initiatives improve information flow and access to information, which enables informed decision making by the Court or New Zealand Parole Board as quickly and safely as possible. The initiatives also provide increased support to people in the justice system, reducing harm and improving the likelihood of someone complying with any conditions imposed on them. The HIIP initiatives do not change the responsibility of any judicial or Parole Board decision making.

For example, the EM Bail Ready initiative supports defendants who are remanded in custody, and their defence counsel, to complete electronically monitored bail applications. EM bail had been underutilised, with a number of applications being withdrawn or declined because of the necessary information not being available to the Court.

Now, EM Bail Ready advisers working in prisons help defendants who have been remanded in custody to complete the forms required (literacy can be a significant barrier for some defendants); ensure that all information supplied is complete and verifiable; and contact occupants at the defendant's proposed address to make sure that they understand what EM bail means and consent to having the defendant reside at the address while subject to EM bail. This ensures that when the application for EM bail is put before the court, the information provided is comprehensive and accurate, decreasing the likelihood of the matter being adjourned.

In addition, a smartphone application has been developed to support defendants on EM bail. The app provides defendants with their bail conditions, an electronic process for requesting approval to leave their addresses for appointments, and direct links to support services and reminders about upcoming events, such as court appearances.

The Parole Ready initiative supports eligible prisoners nearing the end of their sentences to prepare for their parole hearings and successful transition to the community.

Currently, the population is around 1,500 prisoners below the 2017 Justice Sector projection. As a result of the work being done under the HIIP, the 2018 projection was revised and decreased. However, we have seen an even greater reduction in the prison population than was reflected in the revised projection. Even with the forecast being revised down, the prison population is still around 500 prisoners below the new projection.

You requested:

1. *The total (throughput) number of people remanded in custody per annum, as far back as records permit.*
2. *Please break this down by remand type (e.g. remand-awaiting trial, remand-awaiting sentence).*

Please see below for the requested information. When reviewing this data, you will note that the totals of the remand accused starts and the remand convicted starts do not add up to the total number of remand starts. This is because total remand starts is recorded per offender, while both remand accused and remand convicted starts are recorded by period. Some offenders change between remand accused and remand convicted, sometimes back again, and sometimes multiple times. For this reason, the sum total of the remand period starts is higher than the recorded total of offenders who started a remand period. Please also note that the recording of remand accused and remand convicted as separate events did not begin until 2009.

Year	Remand Starts (Offender)	Remand Accused Starts (Periods)	Remand Convicted Starts (Periods)
2000/01	8,636		
2001/02	9,039		
2002/03	9,110		
2003/04	10,068		
2004/05	10,256		
2005/06	11,351		
2006/07	11,756		
2007/08	11,556		
2008/09	12,401		
2009/10	12,584	14,446	3,407
2010/11	12,392	13,924	4,059
2011/12	11,980	13,776	6,029
2012/13	11,517	12,285	6,704
2013/14	10,934	11,393	6,158
2014/15	11,691	12,473	7,199
2015/16	13,608	14,953	8,303
2016/17	15,141	16,311	9,785
2017/18	15,612	16,711	8,649
2018/19	16,328	16,120	7,825

3. *Please further break this down by the most serious offence (e.g. number of remand-awaiting sentence who were charged with murder).*

Please see Appendix One for the requested information. Corrections' standard offence categories have been used. A further break down of this information would mean providing figures for hundreds of individual offences, and therefore is declined under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

With reference to the figures in the appendices, for privacy reasons in accordance with Statistics New Zealand guidance, where counts of 1 or 2 are recorded in the data, the number has been rendered as '3' throughout the response. Doing so inflates the number of remand accused starts by 34 and the number of remand convicted starts by 28.

Because remand accused period starts and remand convicted period starts were not recorded as separate events until 2009, all remand period starts are recorded under the heading of 'remand accused' in the appendices.

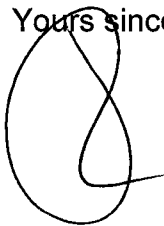
4. *Please break down question 2 by ethnicity and gender.*

Please see Appendix Two for the requested information.

Please note that ethnicity information is self-reported by prisoners, and is not checked or verified by Corrections. Furthermore, while prisoners are able to report multiple ethnicities, only 'primary' ethnicities are reported here. Where gender is not recorded, this will be due to an administrative error where the data was not entered.

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

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Jeremy Lightfoot  
Deputy Chief Executive

**Appendix One – Remand period starts per year, by lead offence type**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Lead Offence Type</b>	<b>Remand Accused Starts (Periods)</b>	<b>Remand Convicted Starts (Periods)</b>
2000/01	Breaches	126	
	Burglary	1,977	
	Dishonesty	1,466	
	Drugs	767	
	Immigration		
	Property	282	
	Sexual	676	
	Traffic	560	
	Violence	3,117	
	Weapons	152	
	Other	933	
	Not recorded		
2001/02	Breaches	126	
	Burglary	2,113	
	Dishonesty	1,513	
	Drugs	809	
	Immigration	3	
	Property	237	
	Sexual	755	
	Traffic	495	
	Violence	3,303	
	Weapons	196	
	Other	1,003	
	Not recorded		
2002/03	Breaches	115	
	Burglary	2,163	
	Dishonesty	1,596	
	Drugs	848	
	Immigration	66	
	Property	248	
	Sexual	702	
	Traffic	419	
	Violence	3,446	
	Weapons	215	
	Other	954	
	Not recorded	10	
2003/04	Breaches	129	
	Burglary	2,536	
	Dishonesty	1,600	
	Drugs	1,158	
	Immigration	292	
	Property	255	
	Sexual	764	
	Traffic	494	
	Violence	3,396	
	Weapons	180	
	Other	1,184	
	Not recorded	8	

2004/05	Breaches	152	
	Burglary	2,900	
	Dishonesty	1,636	
	Drugs	1,142	
	Immigration	335	
	Property	306	
	Sexual	784	
	Traffic	495	
	Violence	4,007	
	Weapons	165	
	Other	977	
	Not recorded	3	
2005/06	Breaches	161	
	Burglary	3,067	
	Dishonesty	1,665	
	Drugs	1,191	
	Immigration	399	
	Property	314	
	Sexual	780	
	Traffic	624	
	Violence	4,342	
	Weapons	214	
	Other	1,046	
	Not recorded	8	
2006/07	Breaches	252	
	Burglary	3,002	
	Dishonesty	1,686	
	Drugs	1,018	
	Immigration	294	
	Property	326	
	Sexual	889	
	Traffic	659	
	Violence	4,608	
	Weapons	283	
	Other	1,175	
	Not recorded	3	
2007/08	Breaches	369	
	Burglary	2,782	
	Dishonesty	1,578	
	Drugs	1,046	
	Immigration	214	
	Property	337	
	Sexual	772	
	Traffic	645	
	Violence	4,669	
	Weapons	232	
	Other	1,095	
	Not recorded	6	

2008/09	Breaches	541	
	Burglary	3,037	
	Dishonesty	1,528	
	Drugs	991	
	Immigration	179	
	Property	308	
	Sexual	835	
	Traffic	698	
	Violence	5,266	
	Weapons	250	
	Other	1,156	
	Not recorded	12	
2009/10	Breaches	654	158
	Burglary	2,776	742
	Dishonesty	1,382	397
	Drugs	1,162	292
	Immigration	212	9
	Property	291	74
	Sexual	761	186
	Traffic	543	160
	Violence	5,382	1,166
	Weapons	232	36
	Other	1,039	182
	Not recorded	12	5
2010/11	Breaches	669	204
	Burglary	2,761	903
	Dishonesty	1,252	436
	Drugs	1,072	352
	Immigration	159	5
	Property	269	81
	Sexual	839	278
	Traffic	447	189
	Violence	5,168	1,295
	Weapons	246	73
	Other	1,033	239
	Not recorded	5	
2011/12	Breaches	620	199
	Burglary	2,933	1,508
	Dishonesty	1,294	749
	Drugs	1,090	435
	Immigration	179	6
	Property	239	107
	Sexual	921	340
	Traffic	382	280
	Violence	4,900	1,975
	Weapons	218	96
	Other	988	325
	Not recorded	8	3

2012/13	Breaches	614	273
	Burglary	2,377	1,539
	Dishonesty	1,085	783
	Drugs	1,019	473
	Immigration	230	5
	Property	225	118
	Sexual	919	489
	Traffic	281	270
	Violence	4,405	2,214
	Weapons	223	97
	Other	889	438
	Not recorded	17	3
2013/14	Breaches	609	224
	Burglary	2,170	1,366
	Dishonesty	1,032	709
	Drugs	984	512
	Immigration	216	5
	Property	222	100
	Sexual	738	393
	Traffic	265	281
	Violence	3,925	2,026
	Weapons	237	143
	Other	984	391
	Not recorded	10	4
2014/15	Breaches	631	268
	Burglary	2,441	1,680
	Dishonesty	1,191	760
	Drugs	1,031	549
	Immigration	132	3
	Property	224	117
	Sexual	745	429
	Traffic	267	316
	Violence	4,413	2,449
	Weapons	271	146
	Other	1115	477
	Not recorded	10	4
2015/16	Breaches	789	300
	Burglary	2,519	1,759
	Dishonesty	1,532	1,062
	Drugs	1,315	687
	Immigration	207	4
	Property	256	148
	Sexual	842	447
	Traffic	402	334
	Violence	5,338	2,777
	Weapons	394	178
	Other	1,340	598
	Not recorded	15	8



2016/17	Breaches	945	369
	Burglary	2,808	2,081
	Dishonesty	1,780	1,272
	Drugs	1,308	745
	Immigration	224	6
	Property	219	109
	Sexual	902	518
	Traffic	372	361
	Violence	5,813	3,311
	Weapons	468	254
	Other	1,449	745
	Not recorded	18	13
2017/18	Breaches	905	304
	Burglary	2,744	1,638
	Dishonesty	1,754	1,068
	Drugs	1,517	712
	Immigration	181	11
	Property	243	116
	Sexual	830	542
	Traffic	416	332
	Violence	6,082	2,980
	Weapons	491	241
	Other	1,526	691
	Not recorded	18	10
2018/19	Breaches	896	313
	Burglary	2,615	1,544
	Dishonesty	1,829	1,109
	Drugs	1,304	553
	Immigration	149	5
	Property	225	100
	Sexual	675	341
	Traffic	405	309
	Violence	6,079	2,655
	Weapons	517	248
	Other	1,411	644
	Not recorded	8	3

**Appendix Two – Remand period starts per year, by ethnicity and gender**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Remand Accused Starts (Periods)</b>	<b>Remand Convicted Starts (Periods)</b>
2000/01	European	Male	2,981	
		Female	191	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded	3	
	Māori	Male	5,379	
		Female	345	
		Indeterminate	4	
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	856	
		Female	25	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded	3	
	Other	Male	217	
		Female	15	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	24		
	Female	5		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	10		
2001/02	European	Male	3,222	
		Female	176	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded	3	
	Māori	Male	5,349	
		Female	342	
		Indeterminate	6	
		Not recorded	3	
	Pacific	Male	1,053	
		Female	28	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	307	
		Female	21	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	26		
	Female	3		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	14		

2002/03	European	Male	3,035	
		Female	217	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	5,614	
		Female	431	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	920	
		Female	61	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	420	
		Female	40	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded	3	
Not recorded	Male	23		
	Female	5		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	9		
2003/04	European	Male	3,452	
		Female	262	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	5,886	
		Female	542	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,022	
		Female	48	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	665	
		Female	62	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded	7	
Not recorded	Male	29		
	Female	3		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	17		

2004/05	European	Male	3,638	
		Female	257	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	6,478	
		Female	395	
		Indeterminate	5	
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,277	
		Female	36	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	676	
		Female	58	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	41		
	Female	3		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	35		
2005/06	European	Male	3,921	
		Female	285	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	6,825	
		Female	528	
		Indeterminate	5	
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,286	
		Female	74	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	772	
		Female	74	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded	3	
Not recorded	Male	20		
	Female			
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	16		

2006/07	European	Male	4,088	
		Female	315	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	6,906	
		Female	580	
		Indeterminate	8	
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,408	
		Female	65	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	729	
		Female	58	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded	3	
Not recorded	Male	15		
	Female	7		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	14		
2007/08	European	Male	3,836	
		Female	332	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	6,734	
		Female	606	
		Indeterminate	8	
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,456	
		Female	77	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	591	
		Female	62	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded	4	
Not recorded	Male	18		
	Female			
	Indeterminate	3		
	Not recorded	19		

2008/09	European	Male	4,181	
		Female	358	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	7,351	
		Female	688	
		Indeterminate	4	
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,505	
		Female	69	
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	556	
		Female	58	
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded	3	
Not recorded	Male	18		
	Female	3		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	6		
2009/10	European	Male	3,942	1,021
		Female	387	188
		Indeterminate	5	
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	7,200	1,678
		Female	658	285
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,544	150
		Female	61	27
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	561	48
		Female	47	7
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	22	3	
	Female	5		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	10		

2010/11	European	Male	3,815	1,331
		Female	357	227
		Indeterminate	3	3
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	7,040	1,657
		Female	585	470
		Indeterminate	4	
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,450	207
		Female	64	35
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded	3	
	Other	Male	513	112
		Female	38	11
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	25	3	
	Female	4		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	23	3	
2011/12	European	Male	3,614	1,609
		Female	291	192
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	7,188	2,912
		Female	514	401
		Indeterminate	3	3
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,508	703
		Female	60	45
		Indeterminate	3	3
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	510	146
		Female	33	9
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	35	3	
	Female	5	3	
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	12		

2012/13	European	Male	3,196	1,817
		Female	257	185
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	6,285	3,376
		Female	533	348
		Indeterminate	6	4
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,368	730
		Female	60	33
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	491	183
		Female	40	15
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	33	10	
	Female	3		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	13	3	
2013/14	European	Male	2,961	1,615
		Female	268	178
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	5,893	3,155
		Female	477	370
		Indeterminate	3	3
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,174	614
		Female	51	41
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	478	161
		Female	36	12
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	26	6	
	Female	3		
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	23	3	



2014/15	European	Male	3,281	1,865
		Female	316	217
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	6,244	3,615
		Female	631	475
		Indeterminate	3	3
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,364	773
		Female	45	34
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	502	193
		Female	31	13
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	42	8	
	Female	3	3	
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	11		
2015/16	European	Male	3,690	2,125
		Female	411	227
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	7,743	4,246
		Female	803	573
		Indeterminate	6	7
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,497	809
		Female	82	60
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	625	226
		Female	34	10
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	29	17	
	Female	16	3	
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	11		

2016/17	European	Male	4,035	2,402
		Female	471	330
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	8,407	5,013
		Female	913	726
		Indeterminate	3	3
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,591	911
		Female	81	51
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded	3	
	Other	Male	645	292
		Female	60	32
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	72	22	
	Female	7	3	
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	20		
2017/18	European	Male	4,029	2,233
		Female	288	273
		Indeterminate	3	
		Not recorded		
	Māori	Male	8,503	4,343
		Female	1,032	636
		Indeterminate	8	3
		Not recorded		
	Pacific	Male	1,645	816
		Female	126	64
		Indeterminate		3
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	567	213
		Female	40	15
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
Not recorded	Male	212	44	
	Female	22	6	
	Indeterminate	3		
	Not recorded	33		

2018/19	European	Male	3846	1973
		Female	493	285
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded	3	
	Māori	Male	8053	3900
		Female	1145	642
		Indeterminate	3	3
		Not recorded	3	
	Pacific	Male	1585	699
		Female	93	49
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded		
	Other	Male	591	216
		Female	35	12
		Indeterminate		
		Not recorded	3	
Not recorded	Male	219	43	
	Female	21	3	
	Indeterminate			
	Not recorded	27		