



19 July 2019

fyi-request-10751-6babc78a@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ti Lamusse,

I refer to your email of 17 July 2019, requesting information from the New Zealand Parole Board under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have requested the following;

*1) Please provide me with the total number of breaches of parole conditions per annum, as far back as records permit. Please break this down by ethnicity and gender.*

*2) Please provide me with the total number of recalls to prison due to breach of parole conditions per annum, as far back as records permit. Please break this down by ethnicity and gender.*

*Please provide me with this data in an excel spreadsheet format.*

In my view the information you seek on the number of parole breaches per annum is more closely connected with the functions of the Department of Corrections. I am therefore transferring this part of your request to the Department under section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA and have asked that they respond directly to you.

I am not able to answer your second request as it is not information that can easily be obtained without identifying and reviewing every single Board offender file, where an application for recall has been received. The Board's response would entail trawling through relevant offenders' files since the Board was established in June 2002. This request is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. In refusing your request I have considered under section 18A whether fixing a charge or extending the time limit would enable your request to be granted, but in my view it would not.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek the Ombudsman's investigation and review of my decision to refuse certain information. Contact details are: The Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10 152, Wellington.

Yours sincerely



Sir Ron Young  
**Chairperson**