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Tēnā koe Mr Stratford

I refer to your email of 21 November 2019 to the Ministry of Justice, requesting various information about electronically monitored offenders under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). On 22 November 2019, your request was partially transferred to the Department of Corrections under section 14 of the OIA, as the requested information relates more closely to the function of Corrections.

Please note that the below information relates to the following electronically monitored sentences or orders: Home Detention; Intensive Supervision with Electronic Monitoring (EM) conditions; Community Detention; Extended Supervision Order with EM conditions; Returning Offender Order with EM conditions; Post Detention conditions with EM conditions; Released on Conditions with EM conditions; and, Parole with EM conditions.

The information excludes EM Bail defendants, as they are awaiting their court hearing to determine their guilt or innocence.

Lead offences have been used to determine whether offenders are being monitored for crimes related to the various drug types.

Please note that the percentages provided are based on a snapshot of the offender population as at 31 October 2019.

You requested:

2 - In an average month, how many people are subject to electronic monitoring in New Zealand?

Over the 12 month period from December 2018 to November 2019, an average of 3544 people were subject to EM on a monthly basis.

3 - What percentage of all the people being electronically monitored are being monitored in relation to drug related crimes?

The percentage of people who are being electronically monitored for drug-related crimes is 8.79 percent.

4 - What proportion of all the people being electronically monitored are being monitored for cannabis related crimes?

The proportion of people who are being electronically monitored for cannabis-related crimes is 3.69 percent.

5 - What proportion of all the people being electronically monitored are being monitored for meth related crimes?

The proportion of people who are being electronically monitored for methamphetamine-related crimes is 4.06 percent.

6 - What proportion of all the people being electronically monitored are being monitored for crimes related to the use of meth?

The proportion of people who are being electronically monitored for crimes related to the use of methamphetamine is 0.43 percent.

7 - What proportion of all the people being electronically monitored are being monitored for crimes related to the supply of meth?

The proportion of people who are being electronically monitored for crimes related to the supply of methamphetamine is 3.45 percent.

8 - What proportion of all the people being electronically monitored are being monitored for crimes related to the manufacture of meth?

The proportion of people who are being electronically monitored for crimes related to manufacture of methamphetamine is 0.11 percent.

9 - What proportion of all the people being electronically monitored are being monitored for crimes committed in order to support a meth habit?

Any information related to the motives of offenders in relation to their offending is not centrally collated. Instead, it is held on each offender's individual file, if at all. In order to identify this type of specific information, we would be required to manually review a large number of files. Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form a stylized, somewhat abstract shape.

Rachel Leota
National Commissioner