



NEW ZEALAND PAROLE BOARD

24 November 2021

Dear Ms Plummer

Thank you for your emails dated 1 October 2021 requesting:

- *Please provide me with an excel spreadsheet of every scheduled parole hearing between 17 August 2021 and today's date and whether these hearings were held on their scheduled date. If not, please advise of the rescheduled date. I do not require the name of prisoners in this information.*
- *How many scheduled parole hearings have been delayed due to the Level 3 and 4 lockdowns?*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

From 17 August to 4 October there were 1,084 hearings and only 43 of those were adjourned.

Of those 43 adjournments only two were directly related to COVID-19. These are highlighted in *Appendix A*. In one case the offender was taking part in the vaccination programme while in the other case the offender was in a unit that could not facilitate a phone call.

The reasons for the rest of the adjournments included but were not limited to requests for legal representation, requests for psychological reports, information required on accommodation options, reintegration hui and requests by offenders for the hearing to be stood down.

A break-down of the hearings, their original and rescheduled dates is included in *Appendix A*.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response you are welcome to take it up with the Chairman of the New Zealand Parole Board. He can be contacted via info@paroleboard.govt.nz

You are also advised of your right to make a complaint about the information I have withheld to the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143; <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karyn McLean'.

Karyn McLean
Manager, New Zealand Parole Board.

Appendix A

Outcome	Application Type	Board Hearing Date	Rehearing Date
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	8/09/2021	30/09/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	26/08/2021	11/10/2021
ADJOURNED	POST RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT PAROLE POST PED	1/09/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	16/09/2021	01/12/2021
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	20/09/2021	20/09/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	9/09/2021	29/09/2021
ADJOURNED	POST RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT PAROLE POST PED	3/09/2021	11/10/2021
ADJOURNED	ESO SPECIAL CONDITIONS	25/08/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	1/10/2021	27/10/2021
ADJOURNED	ESO SC BIENNIAL REVIEW	24/08/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	16/09/2021	01/11/2021
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	30/08/2021	08/11/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	19/08/2021	01/09/2021
ADJOURNED	VARY CONDITIONS - ESO	20/09/2021	20/09/2021
ADJOURNED	VARY CONDITIONS - PAROLE	26/08/2021	27/09/2021
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	31/08/2021	26/10/2021
ADJOURNED	POST RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT PAROLE POST PED	17/09/2021	01/11/2021
ADJOURNED	POST RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT PAROLE POST PED	14/09/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	9/09/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	18/08/2021	01/09/2021
ADJOURNED	POST RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT PAROLE POST PED	15/09/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	19/08/2021	01/09/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	7/09/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	VARY CONDITIONS - PAROLE	25/08/2021	28/09/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	9/09/2021	01/12/2021
ADJOURNED	ESO SPECIAL CONDITIONS	25/08/2021	01/11/2021
ADJOURNED	VARY CONDITIONS - PAROLE	20/09/2021	20/09/2021
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	20/08/2021	20/09/2021
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	31/08/2021	08/09/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	16/09/2021	17/09/2021
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	19/08/2021	09/09/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	18/08/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	31/08/2021	24/09/2021
ADJOURNED	POST RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT PAROLE POST PED	26/08/2021	27/09/2021
ADJOURNED	VARY CONDITIONS - PAROLE	24/08/2021	28/09/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	23/09/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	POST RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT PAROLE POST PED	15/09/2021	17/09/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	7/09/2021	10/09/2021
ADJOURNED	PAROLE - POST-PED	16/09/2021	01/12/2021
ADJOURNED	POST RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT PAROLE POST PED	17/09/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	9/09/2021	01/10/2021
ADJOURNED	ESO SC BIENNIAL REVIEW	27/09/2021	01/01/2022
ADJOURNED	RECALL APPLICATION - PAROLE	30/08/2021	30/09/2021

*PED – Parole eligibility date

* ESO – Extended supervision order

* - Adjournments related to COVID-19