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Tēnā koe Darren

Thank you for your request of 24 January 2022 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information about staff at Hawke's Bay Regional Prison. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

- 1) i require the names of the persons in such positions as CEO, CFO, Administrator, Director, Managing Director, Practice Manager, Manager of the Medial Center within the Hawkes Bay Regional Prison;
- 2) i require to know who is in charge of the cooking facilities within the prison are managed by the department of corrections, if they are managed by the department of corrections, who the principle officer and their subordinates or persons in charge or this department at the Hawkes Bay Regional Prison;
- 3) i require to know if within the cooking facilities there is such positions as CEO, CFO, Administrator, Director, Managing Director, Manager, if so i require the names of said persons at the Hawkes Bay Regional Prison;

I can confirm that Hawke's Bay Regional Prison cooking facilities are managed by an Industries Manager. There is no Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director, Managing Director or administration positions directly assigned to the cooking facilities at that site, although some of these positions exist within wider Corrections. We have decided to refuse all further parts of your request under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

In accordance with section 9(1) of the OIA, we have also considered whether there are countervailing public interest considerations favouring the release of the requested information, such as transparency and accountability. However, we do not believe such considerations are present in this case.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response 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

Robert Jones

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