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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 20 August 2022 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting the following information:

Please provide:

1. *The availability of computers in each prison for remand accused prisoners.*
2. *The availability of Secure Online Learning (SOL) in each prison for remand accused prisoners.*
3. *The availability of Self-Directed Learning (SDL) in each prison for remand accused prisoners.*
4. *The availability of educational Courses in each prison for remand accused prisoners. Specify the courses available in each prison and who is the provider.*
5. *any guidelines, protocols, manuals, or the likes, for remand accused prisoners who are currently enrolled in tertiary education and wish to continue their study.*
6. *any guidelines, protocols, manuals, or the likes, for remand accused prisoners who wish to enrol in tertiary study. Include specifically whether their access to secure online learning facilities will be facilitated to video recorded lectures.*
7. *any guidelines, protocols, manuals, or the likes, for remand accused prisoners who apply for access to computers for either study or litigation. Include specifically how many hours per day or week would be available to them and what the operational constraints on facilitating that access are.*
8. *the number of 'Application for access to facilities to assist in studies' (F.08.Form.01) forms that have been (a) filed; (b) accepted; and (c) accepted with access to computer facilities. Categorise this data by year (since SOL suites started) and by remand / convicted status.*

Corrections needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 20 working days, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. Therefore, you can expect to receive a response to your request by 18 October 2022. If you no longer require this information please let us know as soon as possible.

Please be advised that should you have any concerns regarding this response you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Lythgoe', written in a cursive style.

Jeremy Lythgoe
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