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Tēnā koe Khan Mohammed

On 9 September 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *I am requesting information held by Corrections [MSD] about the areas to which released prisoners have been sent under the emergency housing agreement between MSD and Corrections.*

Assuming it is available back that far, I would prefer to receive this for the past five years (to provide sufficient temporal context), and for the highest spatial resolution possible, but a spatial resolution to the local or regional council level is fine. Temporal resolution of a year would be fine, though I can summarize the data myself if it is held in a more detailed form. Electronic format as a spreadsheet/CSV is preferred, a scanned report is fine if not available.

Regarding your request, I am unable to provide you with this information as it is held in notes on individual case files. In order to provide you with this information, Ministry staff would have to manually review a substantial number of files.

As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

The Department of Corrections received this request through the FYI website and will respond to your request in due course.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Magnus O'Neill', written in a cursive style.

Magnus O'Neill
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