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Tēnā koe Mohammed

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 9 September 2022, to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting the following information:

*In light of the revelations of ex-prisoners being funneled to already overburdened Rotorua social housing, I am requesting information held by 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.*

*If this data is somehow not available, I assume that you would be happy to specify that 'Corrections holds no information as to where released prisoners sent to emergency housing are settled.'*

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 7 November 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

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Matt Huddleston  
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