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Tēnā koe Barry

Thank you for your email of 30 September 2022 to the Ministry of Justice requesting information about John Sinclair. The following parts of your request were transferred to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, on 3 October 2022, in accordance with section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*I'd like to know all the costs incurred by government for John Sinclair to date, broken down into categories where possible*

- *Jail costs (costs associated with him being in jail)*
- *Bail/Home Detention costs (costs associated with monitoring and check-ups)*

Corrections' Annual Report contains a summary that includes a breakdown of Corrections' average daily cost of each sentence and order, including remand and sentenced prisoners and people on home detention. Corrections does not record the costs incurred for managing specific individuals, therefore your request for *jail and bail/home detention costs incurred for John Sinclair to date* is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

In accordance with section 18B of the OIA, we have considered whether consulting with you would enable the request to be made in a form that would remove the reason for refusal. We do not consider this would enable the request to be granted in this instance.

For the most recent available statement, you may refer to pages 172 – 173 of Corrections' Annual Report 2021/22, at: [https://www.corrections.govt.nz/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/48506/Annual\\_Report\\_2021\\_22.pdf](https://www.corrections.govt.nz/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/48506/Annual_Report_2021_22.pdf). Previous Annual Reports are available at: [https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/strategic\\_reports/annual-reports](https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/strategic_reports/annual-reports)

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexandra Donnison  
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People and Capability