

Office of Hon Kelvin Davis

MP Te Tai Tokerau

Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Minister for Children

Minister of Corrections

Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education)



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James

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Tēnā koe James

Thank you for your email of 30 May 2023, seeking, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**), information about the prison population.

Specifically, you asked:

As per your speech to the Labour Party Congress 2023 “We have safely reduced the prison population – there are almost 1000 fewer Māori in prison than when we became government”

Under the OIA please detail the safety measures/systems/data/research used to determine that the prison population was “safely reduced” as you stated.

This should include but not be limited to all data, research papers, reports and information about the release of prisoners and any correlation with an increase in crime rates etc.

The Office notes that, when Hon Kelvin Davis gave the speech at the Labour Party Congress 2023, he did so in his capacity as Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, meaning that the content of the speech is not official information as defined under section 2 of the Act. This request is therefore declined.

If you have an interest in the topic and would like to request official information regarding the relationship between community safety and the prison population then please do make that request to the Minister of Corrections or the Department of Corrections.

Nāku noa, nā

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