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Tēnā koe Erika

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 10 September 2023 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting the following information:

- 1 Given the shortages of prison workers and many prisoners have been denied visits due to this shortage, have you hired these 80 staff back?*
- 2. What budget was allocated for Covid 19 health and safety activities at Corrections for the 2021/2022 financial year? For example Covid advisors, specialist roles, marketing etc*
- 3 What designation did Corrections receive under section 191 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 in order to act as a regulator for health and safety matters?*

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 6 November 2023. 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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