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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 6 September 2024 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting the following information:

- 1. Contracts and Agreements (2018 Present): Copies of any contracts or agreements between the Department of Corrections and Honeywell Ltd. that specifically relate to the maintenance of electronic security systems in New Zealand prisons.
- 2. Communications Regarding AI (2022 Present): Any communications (emails, meeting minutes, reports) between the Department of Corrections and Honeywell Ltd. from January 2022 onwards that specifically mention the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) or advanced surveillance technologies within the electronic security systems of New Zealand prisons.
- 3. Risk Assessments for Waikeria Prison (2021 Present): Copies of any risk assessments or evaluations conducted by or for the Department of Corrections that mention or analyse Honeywell's involvement in the implementation of security systems at Waikeria Prison since 2021.

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 4 November 2024. If you no longer require this information, please let us know as soon as possible.

I hope this information is helpful. 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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