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Dear Ms Buchanan

Thank you for your email dated 20 June 2015, requesting information about the number of appeals against prison placements. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Public safety is the Department's number one priority. We are committed to improving the safety of the community by achieving a 25 percent reduction in re-offending by 2017; this will equate to 600 fewer re-imprisonments, 4,000 fewer people being reconvicted on community offences and 18,500 fewer victims. We have already made significant progress toward achieving this goal. As at December 2014, re-offending rates had fallen by 10 percent against the June 2011 benchmark, resulting in 1,841 fewer offenders and 7,400 fewer victims of crime each year. This result demonstrates that our rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives can make a difference to people's lives.

I can confirm that the newly opened Auckland South Corrections Facility (ASCF) is the only prison designated for use of the Prisoner Placement System in line with regulation 52 of the Corrections Regulations 2005. This information is on our website via the link below:

http://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/prisons_designated_for_use_of_prisoner_placement_system.html

I can confirm that there have been no appeals lodged in relation to the Prisoner Placement System at ASCF.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Department. 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.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Lightfoot
National Commissioner