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Allie Maxwell fyi-request-2955-a9868286@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Maxwell

Thank you for your email dated 19 July 2015, in which you request information regarding sexual assaults in prisons and prosecutions. Your request is being considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

We will provide a response to your requests for information regarding sexual assaults in prisons, staff guidelines and what steps the Department takes to avoid such occurrences.

As the information you have requested regarding "how many of these resulted in prosecution" is considered to be more closely connected to the functions of the Ministry of Justice, I have transferred this part of your request in accordance with section 14 of the OIA.

You may expect a response from the Ministry of Justice within 20 working days from the date they receive our transfer request.

I trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Charles Post

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