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Mr Tom McRae
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Dear Mr McRae

Thank you for your official information request sent to my office on 5 February 2016 asking for:

1. *The latest figures for New Zealand criminals who have been deported from Australia since they passed stricter laws in December 2014.*
2. *A breakdown of the total number of deportees;*
 - a. *The number who have been arrested since arriving back in New Zealand*
 - b. *A list of what they have been charged with*
 - c. *The number who have been denied bail and given bail*
3. *Any correspondence you or your office have had with your Australian counterpart and/or Peter Dutton, the Australian Immigration Minister.*

I have obtained the following information from New Zealand Police in relation to your first two questions.

From 1 January 2015 through to 25 February 2016 the total number of deportees from Australia was 310.

The information requested in 2a and 2b is refused under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982. I am advised that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation and research involving the accessing of individual files.

The information you have sought in part 2c of your request is not held by Police or by my office but is information more closely related to the activities of the Ministry of Justice. That part of your request has been transferred to the Ministry of Justice under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982.

Neither my office nor I have had any correspondence with my Australian counterpart or Peter Dutton, the Australian Immigration Minister, in relation to criminal deportees. This information is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as it does not exist.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Judith Collins', is written over a circular official stamp.

Hon Judith Collins
Minister of Police