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Dear Ms Rae

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request of 18 March 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*“information on the total number of beds in inpatient facilities in the regional forensic mental health services.*

*In the 2005 census of forensic mental health services, the Ministry of Health indicated there were a total of 221 secure beds in forensic units across the country:*

- 84 beds in Auckland*
- 40 beds in Hamilton*
- 10 beds in Whanganui*
- 40 beds in Wellington*
- 34 beds in Christchurch*
- 13 beds in Dunedin*

*In addition, the report noted an extra 15 'step-down' beds in Hauora Waikato, for patients being transferred out of secure care.*

*I would like to know whether these figures are still accurate - has the number of beds changed, and if so, what is the current number of beds? If there has been a change, please indicate at which facilities the numbers increased/decreased, and by how much”.*

The information relating to this request is tabled below.

## Mental Health Forensic Inpatient Beds, 2005 & 2014/15

Regional Facilities	Number of contracted beds		
	2005	2014/15	Variance in beds by regional facilities
Auckland region	84.0	94.0 <sup>1</sup>	10
Hamilton region (includes Hauora Waikato Maori Mental Health Services)	55.0	56.0	1
Whanganui region	10.0	14.5	4.5
Wellington region	40.0	51.0 <sup>2</sup>	11.0
Christchurch region	34.0	38.0	4.0
Dunedin region	13.0	13.0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>236.0</b>	<b>266.5</b>	<b>30.5</b>

Sources:

- 2005 Forensic Census of Mental Health Services, Ministry of Health
- Expenditure Report 2014/15

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely



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**Acting Director**  
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<sup>1</sup> Note: excludes forensic community-based intensive service for recovery beds

<sup>2</sup> Note: includes forensic step down beds and 5 beds for Auckland clients