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Dear Mr Andrews

I am writing to you at the request of the Office of the Ombudsman in respect of your complaint to their office regarding your request for information about prisoner suicides, dated 31 December 2016.

Following the Department's decision to decline your request, data relating to apparent unnatural deaths in custody, broken down by prison, was published on our website. Please find a link to this information below for your reference:

http://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/research_and_statistics/deaths_in_custody.html

We are continuing to withhold the dates of each death in custody under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

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

Vincent Arbuckle
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