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Dear Mr Hanna

Thank you for your email of 11 February 2017, requesting information about prison facts and statistics for June 2016. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Your correspondence has noted that the webpage 'June 2016 prison facts and statistics' on the Department's website provided graphs representing prisoner age and ethnicity in a different format to previous and subsequent months. As a result, actual prisoner population figures could not be readily identified.

Regarding this, you have requested:

 'as either number of prisoners or as percentages of the total prison population, breakdowns of prisoner age and ethnicity for June 2016.'

The Department has now amended the information available on the webpage 'June 2016 prison facts and statistics'. A percentage is now displayed for breakdowns of prisoner age groups and ethnicities, as at 30 June 2016.

Please refer to the following link:

http://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/research_and_statistics/quarterly_prison_statistics/prison_st

Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information requested is publicly available.

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

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