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Dear Mr Hall

Thank you for your email of 21 May 2017, in which you request information regarding the early release of prisoners on compassionate grounds. Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

In assessing your email, Corrections noted that some of the information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the New Zealand Parole Board (the Parole Board). Accordingly, the part of your request concerned with the guidelines and considerations used to determine the suitability of prisoners for release on compassionate grounds, has been transferred to the Parole Board in accordance with section 14 of the OIA.

You may expect a response from the Parole Board within 20 working days from the date they receive our transfer request.

Please note that the remainder of your request, specifically for the number of prisoners that have been released early on compassionate grounds, remains with Corrections. A response to this part of your request may be expected by 19 June 2017.

I trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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