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Dear Ti

Thank you for your email of 11 July 2017, further to your request of 23 June 2017 where you requested data about the average daily prison population. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The Department typically reports prisoner numbers on the basis of annual starts, or the population on a given date. Your request for the average daily prison population, broken down in the various ways requested, would require us to first identify the muster count on each day of the year for each of the last 30 years, and then from this data, calculate the average population.

For the reasons outlined above, the information that you request does not currently exist in a form that can be readily supplied to you, and would instead require initiation of a project to extract, analyse and present the data in the form requested.

Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by the Department, and we have no grounds for believing that it is held by another agency or more closely connected with the functions of another agency.

Please note that the Ombudsman has advised that information is not considered to be held by an agency in instances where a request necessitates research or analysis of source data in order to generate fresh information in a form different from that in which the base data is held.

Should you wish to refine your request, please feel free to contact us at info@corrections.govt.nz and we would be happy to discuss this further with you.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V. Arbuckle', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Vincent Arbuckle
Deputy Chief Executive
Corporate Services