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Dear Marama,

**Official Information Act 1982 request regarding the imprisonment of a minor**

I refer to your request of 26 March 2018, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

*"Please can you give me the information and Act that prohibits the imprisonment of a minor under the age of 18 years of age. The penalty for unlawful imprisonment from the authorities concerned and the year that this Act was enforced"*

We are refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act, as the information you have requested is publicly available.

Information on the limitations on imprisonment of a person under 17 years can be found in section 18 of the Sentencing Act 2002.

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0009/143.0/DLM135561.html>

There is no Act in New Zealand legislation that provides a penalty for authorities that unlawfully imprison an individual.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman about the decisions made in relation to your request.

Yours sincerely,



Graham Cowle  
**Manager, Reducing Crime**