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Dear Mr O'Riley

I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request for this information sent on 31 July. The delay was due to an administrative oversight. You asked for:

"The number of all reported offences (regardless of resolution) which in the event of a conviction would likely qualify for a strike under the Sentencing and Parole Reform Act 2010 for each of the following years. 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

I understand that some statistics are available on the police.govt website however these are general in nature and would require speculation on what offences would qualify as a strike rather than a specific answer."

Information about the serious violent offences that qualify for additional consequences are listed in section 86A of the Sentencing Act 2002. A link to this and other statistical information about three strikes statistics are available on the following website:

https://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/research-data/justice-statistics/three-strikes-statistics/

Police no longer publishes the old statistics (recorded offences) as these are not comparable to the new recorded crime statistics. Furthermore, as the system that recorded the old statistics has been decommissioned, it is no longer possible to count and report before 2014 according to the old statistics. These old statistics were replaced with a new statistic (recorded crime victimisations and recorded crime offenders statistics) that provides a more accurate picture of crime in New Zealand.

Again, our apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

Yours sincerely

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