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Dear Ms Cox

Thank you for your email of 8 December 2018, requesting all documentation between Māori organisations and Corrections regarding services or prisoner visit schemes at Northern Region Corrections Facility (Ngawha). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Corrections is committed to reducing reoffending. We realise that engagement with hapū, iwi, and Māori cultural organisations is a key component in prisoner rehabilitation. We take our duty of care seriously, and stage active and early rehabilitative interventions to get offenders the support they need, while also building and reinforcing a sense of cultural identity and pride to help reduce re-offending.

Your request as currently framed will be difficult to meet without substantial collation or research. In order to meet your request, we would be required to manually review a large number of files. Corrections has considered whether to affix a charge or extend the time limit for responding, however we do not consider this to be an appropriate use of our publicly funded resources.

Therefore, at this stage, your request is likely to be refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. As per section 18B of the OIA, Corrections must consider whether consulting with the requestor would assist them to make the request in a manageable format. If you have a specific concern or can refine your request, we would be happy to reconsider.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with Corrections. 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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