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Dear Ms Cox

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2019, requesting information about offenders who were in state care as young people. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

Please provide information on how many people currently serving custodial or community sentences have been in the care of the Chief Executive (also called 'state care') as children or young people, under either care and protection or youth justice orders.

Please provide this information over the last five years.

Please organise this information by ethnicity and region.

Background information about offenders such as this is not always recorded or held by Corrections. Where Corrections does hold this information, it is recorded on that individual offender's file. In order to identify this type of specific information, we would be required to manually review a large number of files. Corrections is currently managing around 10,000 prisoners and 30,000 community-based offenders.

In accordance with the OIA, we have considered whether to affix a charge or extend the time limit for responding. However, given the scale of the request we do not consider that this would be an appropriate use of our publicly funded resources. Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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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