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Tēnā koe Mr Lane

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2019, requesting information about support available to fathers in prison who have newborn children. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have requested:

*Please advise regarding MALE inmate support and entitlements around having a newborn child to their partner while incarcerated. What support is there for male inmates and their newborn child relationship and bonding etc.*

*Also what support is available around a father (inmate) and teenage child's relationship. Is there support available for teenagers and father bonding.*

I refer to our previous letter to you, dated 15 May 2019, our reference C106149.

Apart from Mothers and Babies units and feeding and bonding facilities, the other options mentioned in our previous response are available to both eligible mothers and fathers in prison, providing the opportunity for them to bond and spend time with their children.

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.

Ngā mihi nui



Rachel Leota  
National Commissioner