

## 03 February 2023

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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email dated 18 January 2023 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information about people's reluctance or unwillingness to participate in rehabilitation programmes. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

All analyses, assessments, recommendations, reports, updates, aide-memoire or evaluations you have produced or received regarding the reluctance, unwillingness or refusal of prisoners to undertake or engage in rehabilitation since 1 January 2018 that are not publicly available.

All data, estimates or other information that provides details about the number of prisoners who have been reluctant, unwilling or refuse to undertake in rehabilitation since 1 January 2018.

Your request is refused in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist. Details as to why a person is unwilling or refused to participate in a rehabilitation programme is contained on the person's individual file.

In accordance with section 18B of the OIA we have considered whether consulting with you to enable the request to be made in a form that would remove the reason for refusal. However, we do not consider that the request can be refined in this instance as your request is specific, but the information does not exist.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response 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

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