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Thank you for your email of 20 April 2023 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information about music licenses. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

Does your organisation hold a music license for its various offices and buildings? Does your organisation require multiple music licenses for different buildings? How much does your organisation pay for each of its music licenses? Who provides your music license(s)?

Why do you have the licenses? Is music played in general staff areas, to staff at their desks, in staff training sessions, at conferences or to callers on hold?

Corrections does not use music in our offices and buildings in a way that requires licensing. The hold music we use is provided with our telephone system, and does not require further licensing.

Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you have requested 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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