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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 June 2023 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information about the cost per prisoner. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

Under the OIA please provide the latest cost per prisoner as of 26/06/2023.

The cost per prisoner is published in Corrections Annual Reports following the close of the financial year. As such, we are unable to readily provide the cost per prisoner on any specific date. An updated figure will be published in Correction 2022/23 Annual Report in due course. Therefore, your request is refused in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

The cost per prisoner per day in the 2021/22 financial year was \$531 for a person on sentence and \$408 for a person on remand. This can be found on page 172 of Corrections 2021/22 Annual Report, which can be located [here](#).

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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