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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2022 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information about the number of life paroles between 1 November 2020 and 30 November 2022. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Public safety is our top priority. Corrections manages people at the direction of the Courts and the New Zealand Parole Board (NZPB). We do not determine who is in prison and who is in the community.

You requested:

*I do have one other OIA request for the period 1 Nov 2020 to 30 Nov 2022 regarding the life parolees:*

*How many life parolees were there for that period?*

People can be on life parole upon release from either a sentence of life imprisonment or preventive detention. As your previous questions centred on those convicted of murder where there is a presumption in favour of life imprisonment, we have provided the two types of life parole separately and as a combined total. Please note that serious drug and sexual offending can also result in a sentence of life imprisonment being imposed, it is not reserved exclusively for those convicted of murder.

The information is provided as a snapshot, as at the last day of each month, and includes all people who are on life parole, between November 2020 and November 2022.

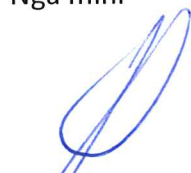
Date	Life parole from life imprisonment	Life parole from Preventive Detention	Total life parolees
30/11/2020	327	47	374
31/12/2020	331	46	377
31/01/2021	328	44	372
28/02/2021	324	47	371

Date	Life parole from life imprisonment	Life parole from Preventive Detention	Total life parolees
31/03/2021	333	47	380
30/04/2021	337	48	385
31/05/2021	336	51	387
30/06/2021	344	52	396
31/07/2021	345	51	396
31/08/2021	342	53	395
30/09/2021	355	51	406
31/10/2021	359	52	411
30/11/2021	360	53	413
31/12/2021	358	55	413
31/01/2022	362	55	417
28/02/2022	358	55	413
31/03/2022	366	59	425
30/04/2022	368	59	427
31/05/2022	363	60	423
30/06/2022	363	63	426
31/07/2022	367	65	432
31/08/2022	362	64	426
30/09/2022	368	65	433
31/10/2022	370	65	435
30/11/2022	375	65	440

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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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Acting National Commissioner