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Our ref: OIA 107391

Tēnā koe Section 9(2)(a)

**Official Information Act request: Three strikes law**

Thank you for your email of 13 September 2023, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), data related to the three strikes law. Specifically, you requested:

*I've just read <https://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/key-initiatives/repeal-of-the-three-strikes-law/>, but I can't find any data sets on there to back up some of the claims like "there was little evidence that the law had reduced serious offending." Can you please direct me to where this exists. The proportion of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th offenders etc might be the best data to look at for this. I'm guessing this might exist within <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publications-statistics/data-and-statistics/policedatanz/proceedings-offender-demographics>, hence Cc'd the NZ Police Data Team too.*

The information requested is publicly available and your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the Act. It is available at:

- Three Strikes Legislation Repeal Bill: Impact of the three strikes regime on rates of serious crime – information provided to the Justice Select Committee during its consideration of the Three Strikes Repeal Bill (2022): [parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCJU\\_ADV\\_117743\\_JU226931/b6ae781adb48f5a824f73a2bf094309179e4ffd8](https://parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCJU_ADV_117743_JU226931/b6ae781adb48f5a824f73a2bf094309179e4ffd8)
- Three Strikes Law Evidence Brief (2018): [justice.govt.nz/assets/Three-Strikes-Law-Evidence-Brief.pdf](https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Three-Strikes-Law-Evidence-Brief.pdf)
- Three strikes offences data tables, which include information on people sentenced for serious violent offences under the three strikes law (note this data set has not been updated since September 2022 due to the repeal):  
<https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/I4NQS-Three-strikes-offences-jun2022-v1.0.xlsx>

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/](https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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