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Our ref: OIA 98703

Tēnā koe section

Official Information Act 1982 request: Breaches of Electronic Monitoring bail

Thank you for your email of 29 July 2022, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information on breaches of Electronic Monitoring (EM) Bail.

On 26 August 2022, your request was partially transferred from the Department of Corrections (Corrections), under the provisions of section 14 of the Act, as Corrections believed that the information requested was more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry). Upon further investigation it has been established that the Ministry does not hold any official information specifically related to EM Bail breaches that is relevant to this request You specifically requested.

- 14) *Please provide statistics showing the number of people who have breached EM bail - specifically:*
- a. *Statistics showing the number of breaches each year/month from 5 years ago; and*
 - b. *Statistics should include the nature or reason for the breach (e.g. absconding, breach of non-association, failure to charge, re-offending etc)*

The Ministry only holds information on the number of people charged with general police or court bail. Therefore, I must refuse this request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act on the grounds that the information is not held by the Ministry.

You are advised of your right under section 28(3) of the Act to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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