

Re: Correspondence regarding lockdown hours data

Annaliese Johnston <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/06/2020 12:55 PM

To: [REDACTED] >

Cc: Meg de Ronde [REDACTED]

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Could we please have a copy of the (below) review referred to by the Minister in his 28 May letter to Meg de Ronde, including the documentation that shows why the minimum entitlement was denied?

"In seeking further assurance around this matter I asked Corrections to undertake a national review of their compliance with the minimum prisoner entitlement of one hour of daily exercise, covering the period 24 to 30 April 2020. This found that 96 percent of people in prison had received their minimum entitlement, and often more. In the other four percent of cases, documentation was able to be provided which shows the reason why the minimum entitlement was denied, and that these decisions are in line with Prison Operation Manual guidance."

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 29 May 2020 11:36 AM

To: Annaliese Johnston [REDACTED] >

Subject: Correspondence regarding lockdown hours data

Tēnā koe Annaliese,

Thank you for your email of 7 May 2020 regarding lockdown hours in prisons and the Minister's letter to Meg de Ronde of 17 April 2020.

I can confirm that the information requested in Meg de Ronde's letter of 8 April 2020, and in her letter sent to the Prime Minister on 15 May 2020, is not held by the Minister or his office. I can also confirm that the Department of Corrections does not currently centrally collate information relating to individual prisoner unlock hours. There are over 200 residential units across all prisons, with each unit recording day to day decisions about prisoner activity individually. The Minister has written to Ms de Ronde to explain this.

Therefore in regard to the request for official information, section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 applies, as the information is not held by the Minister and we have no grounds for believing that the

information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

I trust this addresses your question.

Nāku noa, nā

 - **Corrections**
Office of Hon Kelvin Davis | Minister of Corrections
