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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2020, requesting information about convicted child sex offenders managed by Corrections. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Public safety is Corrections' top priority and substantial effort goes into the safe management and rehabilitation of people convicted of child sex offences. As you are aware, Corrections does not determine who is in prison and who is in the community. Corrections also does not determine whether a person receives a sentence of imprisonment or a community-based sentence following a conviction, such as Home Detention. These decisions are made by the Courts or New Zealand Parole Board.

You requested the following information relating to child sex offenders and rehabilitation from 2015/16 to 2019/20:

- 1) *How many convicted CSOs were incarcerated in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 fiscal years?*
- 2) *Of the above numbers in question 1) please breakdown by age, gender and ethnicity?*
- 3) *How many convicted CSO's were given Home Detention in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020?*
- 4) *Of the above numbers in question 3) please breakdown by age, gender and ethnicity?*

Please find enclosed, Appendix One with this information from 2015/16 to 2019/20. The numbers identified are relatively low, so we caution against drawing conclusions about trends based on a small data set.

- 5) *How many convicted CSO's incarcerated in question 1) had their name changed or used an alias?*
- 6) *How many convicted CSO's given Home Detention in question 3) had their name changed or used an alias?*

The information may be held on an offender's individual electronic file and relies on external sources, we do not hold data in a readily retrievable format to answer this part of your request. Therefore, this part of your request is declined in accordance

with section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Corrections, and we have no grounds for believing that it is held by another agency or more closely connected with the functions of another agency.

Please note that the Ombudsman has advised that information is not considered to be held by an agency in instances where a request necessitates research or analysis of source data in order to generate fresh information in a form different from that in which the base data is held.

7) How many incarcerated CSO's attended a rehabilitation course in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

Please find enclosed Appendix Two with information on the number of people in prison convicted of child sex offences who attended any rehabilitation course delivered by Corrections from 2015/16 to 2019/20. Information is provided by financial year in line with our standard reporting conventions. Individuals may be counted more than once as they can attend more than one rehabilitative programme.

When reviewing changes in the figures from year to year for any programme, please note that people are considered for programmes based on their individual needs, risk factors and responsivity. Eligibility and suitability for placement onto a programme can include an assessment of the individual's offending history, risk level, security classification, language comprehension, cognitive ability, mental health, motivation, and the level to which they have taken responsibility for their offending.

You may note some significant decreases in participant figures in the 2019/20 period, which has occurred due to the impact of COVID-19.

Please also note that the delivery of programmes and fluctuations between years can be influenced by factors including available funding and assessments of what programmes are most effective. For example:

- The AOD brief support programme ceased in 2018 when Corrections decided to focus on longer treatment options that were found to be more effective,
- The AOD Intermediate Treatment Programme was discontinued in the same year as the DTP6 Drug Treatment Programme was found to be more effective.
- The Short Intervention Programme Child Sexual Offending increased participation in 2018/19 period was due to a time specific increase in funding for the delivery of this programme to a targeted group.

Descriptions of the rehabilitation programmes delivered by Corrections are published in our Annual reports. For the most recent available information, please refer to pages 62-63 of Corrections' Annual Report 2019/20, at:

https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/strategic_reports/annual-reports/annual_report_2019_2020

8) How many incarcerated CSO offenders were repeat offenders (had previous convictions) in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020?

Please refer to the table below. Please note the previous conviction is not necessarily a conviction for a Child Sex Offence.

Financial year	No previous sentence	Previous sentence	Total Individuals	Percentage with a previous sentence
2015/16	136	128	264	48%
2016/17	136	127	263	48%
2017/18	167	145	312	46%
2018/19	121	118	239	49%
2019/20	104	104	208	50%

9) *Of the above numbers in question 6) please breakdown by age, gender and ethnicity?*

Please refer to the response to Question Six.

10) *How many convicted CSO's given a sentence of Home Detention in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 were repeat offenders (had previous convictions)*

Please refer to the table below. Please note the previous conviction is not necessarily a conviction for a child sex offence.

	No previous sentence	Previous sentence	Total Individuals	Percentage with a previous sentence
2015/16	61	34	95	36%
2016/17	83	22	105	21%
2017/18	79	18	97	19%
2018/19	81	34	115	30%
2019/20	77	20	97	21%

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them 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



Rachel Leota
National Commissioner

Appendix One

Number of people sentenced to imprisonment where the lead offence is a child sex offence from 2015/16 to 2019/20.

Financial year	Number of people sentenced to imprisonment for a child sex offence
2015/16	264
2016/17	263
2017/18	312
2018/19	239
2019/20	208

Number of people sentenced to imprisonment for a child sex offence broken down by age							
Financial year	Under 20	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 and over
2015/16	7	27	23	45	65	44	53
2016/17	14	24	30	61	60	44	30
2017/18	18	32	30	61	76	41	54
2018/19	7	14	18	54	55	47	44
2019/20	2	17	23	48	46	37	35

Number of people sentenced to imprisonment for a child sex offence broken down by sex		
Financial year	Male	Female
2015/16	258	6
2016/17	259	4
2017/18	308	4
2018/19	236	3
2019/20	207	1

Number of people sentenced to imprisonment for a child sex offence broken down by ethnicity					
Financial year	Māori	European	Pacific	Other	Not recorded
2015/16	77	124	41	8	14
2016/17	72	140	30	9	12
2017/18	96	149	27	7	33
2018/19	76	111	22	3	27
2019/20	70	105	18	8	7

Number of people sentenced to Home Detention where the lead offence is a child sex offence from 2015/16 to 2019/20

Financial year	Number of Home Detention starts
2015/16	95
2016/17	105
2017/18	97
2018/19	115
2019/20	97

Number people sentenced to Home Detention for a child sex offence broken down by age

Financial year	Under 20	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 and over
2015/16	9	16	15	10	22	12	11
2016/17	6	22	14	14	17	10	22
2017/18	11	19	11	9	11	13	23
2018/19	5	33	12	15	15	16	19
2019/20	6	14	7	19	10	15	26

Number people sentenced to Home Detention for a child sex offence broken down by gender

Financial year	Male	Female
2015/16	94	1
2016/17	101	4
2017/18	93	4
2018/19	108	7
2019/20	93	4

Number people sentenced to Home Detention for a child sex offence broken down by ethnicity

Financial year	Māori	European	Pacific	Other	Not recorded
2015-2016	16	30	9	5	35
2016-2017	11	24	8	6	56
2017-2018	13	20	8	5	51
2018-2019	21	37	5	0	52
2019-2020	13	31	5	1	47

Appendix Two - The number of people in prison convicted of child sex offences who attended any rehabilitation course delivered by Corrections from 2015/16 to 2019/20.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Programmes	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
AOD Brief Support programme	173	126	105	0	0
AOD Intensive Treatment Programme	1	1	2	10	8
AOD Intermediate Treatment Programme	78	71	76	0	0
DTP12 Drug Treatment Programme	0	1	4	5	6
DTP3 Drug Treatment Programme	0	0	0	1	0
DTP6 Drug Treatment Programme	0	4	18	51	54
Drug Treatment Unit Programme (3 months)	26	17	7	0	0
Drug Treatment Unit Programme (6 months)	13	2	1	0	0
Tamaua te Koronga	0	0	0	3	0
Total	291	222	213	70	68

Induction and Motivation Programmes	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Head Start	0	0	0	9	2
Kia Rite	0	0	1	1	1
Short Motivational Programme	0	0	1	0	0
Total	0	0	2	10	3

Offence-Focused Programmes	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Individual Psychological Treatment	126	78	112	82	66
Mauri Tu Pae	0	1	0	0	0
Medium Intensity Rehabilitation Programme	1	0	0	1	0
Prison/Community Family Violence Programme	0	2	0	0	0
SIP-CSO - Short Intervention Programme Child Sexual Offending	57	65	82	143	63
STU - Adult Sexual Offending	1	4	3	2	0
STU - Child Sexual Offending	72	66	55	76	60
STU - Violent Offending	2	0	1	2	0
Short Rehabilitation Programme	0	0	0	0	4
Total	259	216	253	306	193