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Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your email of 1 August 2023 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting the number of people on home detention broken down by offence type. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

*I'm after home detention sentences broken down by offence type at a granular level eg. not just 'offences for violent behaviour' or 'acts intended to cause injury' but 'male assaults female' or 'aggravated assault' etc.*

Corrections manages people at the direction of the Courts and the New Zealand Parole Board. We do not determine who is in prison and who is in the community. Where a person is sentenced by the Courts to home detention, Corrections is responsible for managing their compliance with any conditions imposed.

Please find a spreadsheet showing the number of people starting a sentence of Home Detention broken down by their lead offence type each financial year since 2007 attached as Appendix One. This data has been broken down by lead offence type so that the same individual is not counted multiple times. The data is therefore only directly comparable to other data that captures all people who began a sentence of home detention in any given year.

Due to changes in legislation some offence categories did not exist during each year. For example, the Impedes Breathing/Blood Circulation (Strangulation/Suffocation) category came into effect partway through the 2018/2019 financial year, meaning that data for this year was significantly lower than the years following.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leigh Marsh', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Leigh Marsh

National Commissioner