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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 May 2024 to New Zealand Police which included a request for information about people managed by the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). On 10 May 2024, the parts of your request which relate more closely to our functions were transferred to Corrections.

Keeping the public safe and helping people to stop offending are Corrections' top priorities. We recognise that effective gang management in prisons and in the community is a crucial aspect of achieving this.

Corrections manages people at the direction of the Courts and the New Zealand Parole Board and does not determine who is in prison and who is in the community. Corrections carries out an assessment for the court about the suitability of a defendant, their address and other occupants for electronically monitored (EM) bail orders. A judge in court decides whether to grant EM bail, informed by our assessment and information from Police, including victims' views. A person's compliance with any previous periods of EM bail or prior community-based sentences and orders and their likelihood of non-compliance are key considerations in the advice we provide to the court.

EM bail is jointly managed under a shared service model between Corrections and Police and requires a person to be electronically monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Corrections carries out the electronic monitoring of people subject to EM bail. Police are responsible for responding to any instances of non-compliance with EM bail (i.e. breaches) and undertaking all enforcement action.

You requested:

*The number of gang members on home detention*

As of 10 May 2024, 402 people with an active sentence of Home Detention are flagged as having an active or suspected gang affiliation. Corrections' gang-affiliation figures represent

any person with a known connection to a gang, and this data does not differentiate between those who are confirmed patched members, associates or prospects.

*The number of people on electronically monitored bail*

As of 10 May 2024, 1,759 people were being jointly managed by Police and Corrections on EM bail.

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 hope this information is helpful. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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