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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2024 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information about budgeted food costs for prison meals. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

Please can you advise on the meal budget costs per person for people incarcerated in prisons

The food cost per prisoner per day for the 2023/2024 financial year is \$8.21 and on Christmas day this is increased to \$9.21 to cover the cost of the two Christmas mince pies prisoners receive.

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 is helpful. 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

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