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Dear s9(2)(a)

I refer to your email of 13 July 2020, requesting information about canteen (P119) items available in prisons. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

As previously advised, Corrections extended the timeframe of our response to you pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA.

People in prison are provided with meals and essential health, sanitary, and hygiene products. People can also purchase additional goods through the P119 prisoner canteen. The goods on the P119 list include supplementary food items, hygiene and sanitary products as well as stationery and other miscellaneous items. In February 2018, Corrections carried out a review of the products available on the P119, which took into consideration people's views on their preferred items. A range of products were approved for addition to the catalogue. These include nuts, seeds, dried fruit, sachets of tuna and salmon, beef jerky, shortbread, protein powder and flavoured couscous snacks.

You requested:

I request a list of the approved items and codes. If these items vary by prison or facility, I request that the list broken down by prison or facility. If the items vary by security classification, I request that items unavailable to a particular security classification are marked as such.

Please find attached as Appendix One a list of the items that people held in Corrections-managed prisons may purchase as at August 2020.

The purchase of razors is restricted for people in High Security Units, Maximum Security Units and the Intervention and Support Units (ISU). Further, items such as toothbrushes, combs, tweezers, nail clippers/files or any other item that can be modified to be sharp or pointed may be controlled. These types of items may be held in the guardroom and issued for use over a controlled or monitored period before they are returned to the guardroom.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jones', written in a cursive style.

Robert Jones
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People & Capability

Appendix One – Prison Canteen List as at 11 August 2020

When reviewing the following lists, please refer to the below codes, which indicate the status of the person in prison. The corresponding ‘yes’ or ‘no’ is indicative of their ability to freely purchase the item listed.

- MEN - men
- MOP- men off privileges
- MNR - men no razors
- YTH - youth
- WOM - women
- WNR - women no razors
- WOP - women off privileges
- ISU - Intervention Support Unit

Any item that has been purchased by a prisoner may be controlled in its issue, particularly if the item poses a risk to the safety and security of staff and others, or if staff believe the item could be used to self-harm by a prisoner deemed at risk.

Staff may also consider restrictions in accordance with section 188 of the Corrections Regulations 2005, which stipulates that the hairstyle and facial hairstyle of a person awaiting trial or during trial may be cut or shaved only to the extent necessary to preserve the appearance of that person at the time of his or her reception to the prison. As such, in that instance the purchase of hair dye may be restricted.

Following case by case approval from prison management, access to restricted items that are not normally permitted in a men’s or women’s prison may be also permitted for transgender individuals.

Please note that “off privileges” refers to people who have been found guilty of a misconduct and a penalty has been imposed by either the adjudicator or a Visiting Justice. This may be a penalty of cell confinement, which would automatically include a loss of privileges for the duration of the cell confinement, or forfeiture of privileges (normally includes loss of T.V. Radio/CD player and restricted P119 purchase) for the period imposed as a penalty.

Please note that people in prison retain the minimum entitlements referred to in section 69 of the Corrections Act 2004.

PHONE CARDS:	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Phone Card \$5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phone card \$10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phone card \$20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

TOILETRIES:	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Soap	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Antibacterial Soap	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beauty Cream Soap	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Body Wash Magical Spell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Deodorant Black	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sensodyne Toothpaste	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Body lotion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Toothbrush Soft	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Dental Floss	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Dentures Adhesive Paste	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dentures Cleaning Paste	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dentures Steradent Tabs 48	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shampoo/Conditioner 2n1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Conditioner Anti-dandruff	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Facial Wash	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chapstick Lip Balm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ear plugs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

TOILETRIES:	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Shaving cream - Tube	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Shaving brush	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Comb	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hair Ties	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Hair brush	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tissues - box	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sunscreen spf 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Neutrogena Oil Free Moisture	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tweezer straight	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Razor Mach 3	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Refill cartridges Mach 3	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Razor Quattro Women	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Refill cartridges Quattro	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Soap Natural Earth 100gm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Body Wash - Spring Rain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Deodorant Silver Shield 50ml	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Deodorant White Dove 50ml	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Toothpaste	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Toothbrush Classic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Shampoo Anti-Dandruff 400ml	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shampoo Herbal Blend 355ml	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Conditioner Herbal Blend 355ml	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Body lotion Aloe Vera 532ml	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

REFRESHMENTS:	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Hot Chocolate	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Milo	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Green Tea bags box of 20	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Whole Milk Powder	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Skim Milk Powder	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Artificial Sweetener sachets 50's	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Raspberry Cordial 3 pack	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Pineapple Cordial 3 pack	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Mango Orange Cordial 3 pack	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Diabetic Orange Mango	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Diabetic Raspberry	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Cordial Sugar Free - Raspberry	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Cordial Orange Mango Sugar Free	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Protein Shake	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Herbal Tea Superfruit box 20 h,v	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Lime Cordial 3 pack	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Coffee Granules 90gm	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Tea Bags (100)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

FRUIT AND FRUIT BASED (Max 7 Pce):	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Oranges g	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

FRUIT AND FRUIT BASED (Max 7 Pce):	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Bananas g	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dried Apricots g	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prunes Pitted g	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pitted dates 200gms g	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dried Mango & Papaya h,v,g	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

SNACKS:	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Creamy Porridge	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Toasted Muesli	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Instant Oats Pkt of 7	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Wheat Biskits	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Tomato Soup Packet of 4	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Mushroom Soup Packet of 4	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Chicken Soup Packet of 4	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Tomato Sauce Sachets	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Noodle Beef 5s	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Noodle Chicken 5s	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Spicy Noodles 5s	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Tuna Tahitian g	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Cashew Nuts Salted g	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Peanuts Raw g	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Peanuts Salted g	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Peanuts Honey Roasted g	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

SNACKS:	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Peanut Butter g	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Muesli Bar Berry 6 pkt	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Muesli Bar Apricot 6 pkt	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Corn Chips	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Chippies Ready Salted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Chippies Chicken	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Chippies Salt Vinegar	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Rashuns	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Shapes Crackers BBQ	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Rice Crackers BBQ	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Snax Crunches Sour Cream & Chives	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Snax Crunches Chicken	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Rice Cakes g	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Scroggin nuts/seeds 250gm h,v,g,n	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Nut Mix Natural 250gm h,v,g,n	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Tuna Lmn&Crkd Pepper 100gm h,v	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Tuna - Peri Peri	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Salmon with mild Chilli 100gm h,v	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Mi Goreng Noodle 5 pack h,v,n	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Cassava Chips 150gm h,v	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Beef Jerky Original 50gm	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Couscous Indian 160gm v,n	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Olives, fennel & coriander 30gm h,v	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

SNACKS:	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Couscous Moroccan 160gm n	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Oaty Slice - 6 pkt h,v,n	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Cheese and Crackers h,v	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

CONFECTIONARY:	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Milk Arrowroot	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Gingernuts	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Creams	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Chocolate Chip	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Chocolate coated chocolate creams	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Chewy Caramel	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Peanut Brownies	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Chocolate Fish	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Toastie	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Moro	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Peanut Slab	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Dairy Milk	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Sugarless Fruit Jellys	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Barley Sugars g	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Party Mix	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Pineapple Bites	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Butter Shortbread 350gm h,v	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Snax Crackers	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

CONFECTIONARY:	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Mints 150gms	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

STATIONARY	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Card - Blank - Male	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Card - Blank - Female	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blue Pen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Black Pen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Pencil HB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Writing Pad A4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Envelopes 20Pk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stamps Book of 10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greeting Card-Bereavement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greeting Card-Get Well	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birthday Card-Women	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birthday Card-Boy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birthday Card-Girl	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birthday Card-Men	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Playing cards	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TV Guide	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Batteries AA 2 pack	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Batteries AAA single	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Card Blank Cultural	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

MAKEUP:	MEN	MOP	MNR	YTH	WOM	WNR	WOP	ISU
Emery Board	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lip Balm & Colour - Rose Tint	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hair Dye - Napro Black	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Hair Dye - Napro Choc/Brown	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Hair Dye - Napro Med Blonde	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
M/B Great Lash Black	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No