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Thank you for your email of 27 July 2022 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information about police officers in custody. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Questions are answered in turn below.

You requested:

All guidelines, manuals, reports, memos, instructions and overviews regarding processes for when current or former police officers are held in custody, either on remand or as sentenced prisoners.

There is no specific policy on the management of current or former police officers held in custody, therefore, this part of your request is refused under 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

The number of former police officers currently in prison and the number of current or former police officers on remand.

The number of former Corrections officers currently in prison.

Whether or not all former police officers in Corrections custody are in segregation. If not, how many are in segregation and how many are not?

Questions two to four are answered together below.

Corrections does not hold statistics on the occupations of individuals in prisons, including former police or corrections officers. Although this type of information might be recorded within some individuals' prison files in cases where it has been self-reported to prison staff, there is no policy to request this information from people about their occupation at the receiving office, and we do not operate any database or electronic system to centrally record or store these details. Therefore, your request is refused in full under 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 provide a brief overview of how prisoners come to be in segregation. Specifically, can you advise whether prisoners can elect to be in segregation and specify what the process for this is?

The information you have requested is contained in section M.01.05 of the Prison Operations Manual, at the following link:
https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/policy_and_legislation/Prison-Operations-Manual/Movement/M.01-Movements-internal,-directed-and-specified/M.01.05-Voluntary-protective-custody-voluntary-segregation.

This part of your request is, therefore, refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information you have requested is publicly available.

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



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