



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

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Dear

On 13 May 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Statistics for the number of young people ordered to stay at the various Youth Justice Residences for the past 5 years.*

Children and young people who are ordered by the Youth Court to spend time in a Child, Youth and Family Youth Justice Residence often come from a difficult background and have already exhausted all other available options designed to address their offending behaviour.

A child or young person might be ordered to a Youth Justice Residence for the following reasons:

- They have been arrested by Police and their offending matters warrant them being placed in the custody of Child, Youth and Family pending their next Court appearance.
- They have been remanded by the Youth Court and are directed to a Youth Justice Residence until the Court deals with the case.
- They have been sentenced by the Youth Court for a period between three to six months; once they leave the Youth Justice Residence, they will be subject to six to twelve month's supervision in the community.
- If a young person is sentenced to a prison term in the adult Court, they may be admitted to a Youth Justice Residence to serve some or their entire sentence.

Children and young people in Youth Justice Residences have their own bedrooms, and access to communal areas including the living room and dining room. There is also a school building, a gym and areas for sports and outdoor activities. Trained staff work with the children and young people to run programs, provide support, mentoring and extra care for any child or young person presenting with significant risk factors. Education and health services are also provided to children and young people while they are in a residence.

Further information and statistics regarding Youth Justice Residencies can be found on the Child, Youth and Family website: www.cyf.govt.nz/youth-justice/youth-justice-residences.html and www.cyf.govt.nz/about-us/key-statistics/kids-in-care.html

I have provided you with three tables that show the number of young people who have been sentenced to be placed into a Youth Justice Residence, the percentage of occupation rate for each Youth Justice and admission events.

Table one: Admissions to Youth Justice Residences under a supervision with residence order in the years ending June 2011 to June 2015 inclusive:

Financial Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Admissions to youth justice residences under a supervision with residence order	78	89	58	61	48

Notes:

This information relates to admission events.

There are young people who have more than one admission within a period.

These statistics are based on operational data and may vary from those published earlier.

Table Two: The percentage of occupation rates each year for each Youth Justice Residences in New Zealand from 2009/10 to 2014/15 and the six months ending 31 December 2015.

YJ Residence	Average percentage occupancy rate					
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Korowai Manaaki (YJ North)	81%	92%	91%	94%	86%	91%
Te Au rere a te Tonga	0%	54%	85%	93%	86%	85%
Te Maioha o Parekarangi	81%	97%	86%	82%	87%	84%
Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo (YJ South)	73%	91%	79%	79%	75%	72%
Total	78%	85%	85%	87%	83%	83%

Notes:

The occupancy rate shown is the average during the specified period. It may not equal the occupancy rate on a specific day such as the 31st December 2015

Please note the occupancy for Te Maioha was 0% in 2009/10 because the Residence opened for business in 2010.

Please find enclosed the table that shows the number of admission events to Youth Justice Residences from 2011 to 2015 broken down by quarter this information if found on the Child, Youth and Family website and this has been broken down by quarter for your reference.

Further information regarding the current capacity of Youth Justice Residences is publically available at <http://www.cyf.govt.nz/youth-justice/youth-justice-residences.html>.

You can also find more information about Child, Youth and Family's youth justice service and custody pathways on the Child, Youth and Family Practice Centre website at: <http://www.practicecentre.cyf.govt.nz/service-pathways/youth-justice/index.html>.

Child, Youth and Family currently operate four Youth Justice Residences in New Zealand, these are:

- Korowai Manaaki, Auckland – 40 youth justice beds and six Criminal Procedure Act beds
- Te Maioha o Parekarangi, Rotorua – 30 youth justice beds
- Te Au rere a te Tonga, Palmerston North – 30 youth justice beds
- Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo, Christchurch – 40 youth justice beds (currently 30 operating).

Child, Youth and Family have six beds available in Auckland's Korowai Manaaki youth justice residence for children and young people considered too vulnerable for an adult prison. These beds can be for males or females. This occurs by assessment and agreement between the Department of Corrections and Child, Youth and Family and the agreement ends when their sentence finishes or when they turn 17 years of age. At this point they are transferred to an adult corrections facility.

You can view the full text of the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989 and the Criminal Procedure act 2011 online at www.legislation.govt.nz


In April 2017, the Minister for Social Development, Hon Anne Tolley, announced that the Government had agreed to major state care reforms, and the establishment of a new operating model for vulnerable children. The new system will focus on five core services, one of which is youth justice. The design of this new system is currently underway, and Cabinet will make further decisions throughout the year.

Youth Justice Residences have been operating within New Zealand for a considerable number of years. I refer you to the Ministry's website which will provide you with the history of the introduction of the Youth Justice Residences and how they have been operating since their inclusion. The Ministry's website holds a lot of information including Ministry Yearbooks that will provide you with further details about the Youth Justice Residences: www.msd.govt.nz/

I hope you find this information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
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Yours sincerely



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YJ Residence	FY 2011					FY 2012					FY 2013					FY 2014				
	Jul-Sep 2010	Oct-Dec 2010	Jan-Mar 2011	Apr-Jun 2011	Total	Jul-Sep 2011	Oct-Dec 2011	Jan-Mar 2012	Apr-Jun 2012	Total	Jul-Sep 2012	Oct-Dec 2012	Jan-Mar 2013	Apr-Jun 2013	Total	Jul-Sep 2013	Oct-Dec 2013	Jan-Mar 2014	Apr-Jun 2014	Total
Korowai Manaaki (YJ North)	62	57	55	51	225	71	80	46	72	269	81	79	65	73	298	62	89	72	77	300
Te Au rere a te Tonga	45	46	43	38	172	46	47	38	29	160	26	34	43	47	150	35	60	40	46	181
Te Maioha o Parekarangi	20	29	17	47	113	37	25	43	40	145	40	42	43	56	181	47	63	40	60	210
Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo (YJ South)	61	57	40	48	206	52	60	61	59	232	56	66	56	44	222	78	68	73	50	269
Total	188	189	155	184	716	206	212	188	200	806	203	221	207	220	851	222	280	225	233	960

YJ Residence	FY 2015				
	Jul-Sep 2014	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Total
Korowai Manaaki (YJ North)	79	82	80	84	325
Te Au rere a te Tonga	51	74	47	61	233
Te Maioha o Parekarangi	45	59	47	54	205
Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo (YJ South)	59	65	69	54	247
Total	234	280	243	253	1,010

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