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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 29 June 2014 to Hon Dr Pita R Sharples, Associate Minister of Corrections regarding the fluoridation of water in New Zealand prisons. As the matters you have raised are of an operational nature, your request was transferred to the Department of Corrections, and I have been asked to respond.

In accordance with the Corrections Act 2004, we make public safety paramount when managing offenders, and administer all sentences in a safe, secure, humane and effective manner. All prison facilities are operated in accordance with New Zealand legislation and based on other agreements, such as the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners. Please see below for answers to your specific questions.

1 *Please advise which prisons are currently receiving fluoridated water*

I can advise that the following prisons have fluoridated water:

- Auckland Prison (reticulated supply)
- Mt Eden Corrections Facility (reticulated supply)
- Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility (reticulated supply)
- Tongariro/Rangipo Prison - northern end (reticulated supply)
- Hawke's Bay Regional Prison (reticulated supply)
- Rimutaka Prison (reticulated supply)
- Arohata Prison (reticulated supply)
- Otago Corrections Facility (reticulated supply)
- Invercargill Prison (reticulated supply).

As you will be aware, reticulated water is supplied by local authorities, and fluoridation decisions are made by those authorities.

2 *Please advise which prisons are not currently receiving fluoridated water*

I can advise that the following prisons do not currently have fluoridated water:

- Northland Region Corrections Facility (reticulated supply)
- Spring Hill Corrections Facility¹ (reticulated supply)

¹ To be fluoridated July/August 2014 at 0.7-1.0 parts per million (source: Waikato District Council)

- Waikeria Prison
- Tongariro/Rangipo Prison (southern end)
- Whanganui Prison
- Christchurch Prison
- Christchurch Women's Prison
- Rolleston Prison.

- 3 *Please advise with regard to the prisons that are fluoridated, whether there is an alternative non-fluoridated water supply made available to prisoners*
- 4 *If an alternative source of fluoridated water is supplied then how is that alternative source of water supplied?*

I can advise that where supplied water is fluoridated, no alternative source of water is available.

- 5 *Please advise the level of fluoride that prisons are being fluoridated at*

Site	Level	Source of information
Auckland Prison	0.7-1.0 parts per million (ppm)	Watercare
Mt Eden Corrections Facility		Watercare
Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility	0.7-1.0 ppm	Watercare
Tongariro/Rangipo Prison (northern end)	0.8 ppm	Taupo District Council
Hawke's Bay Regional Prison	0.7 ppm (target)	Hastings District Council
Rimutaka Prison	0.78 ppm (mean value)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Arohata Prison	0.79 ppm (mean value)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Otago Corrections Facility	0.85 ppm (target)	Clutha District Council
Invercargill Prison	0.7 ppm (target)	Invercargill City Council

I trust that you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,



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