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Thank you for your email of 7 February 2018 requesting the following information:

“the number of instances that someone wishing to be paroled to a Housing New Zealand address has had this request rejected by Housing New Zealand, as well as the number that has been approved by Housing New Zealand.”

Housing New Zealand’s tenancy agreements state that a tenant must obtain our written permission if they wish to have a person, who is not normally resident at the premises, join the household for a period of more than three months. This includes people wishing to be paroled to the property.

Applications to allow an additional person live at the property are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Housing New Zealand does not centrally record the outcomes of applications relating to people on parole. This information is held on individual tenant files, and a review of approximately 63,000 files would be required. Therefore, I have to decline your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982:

“that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.”

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about my decision to decline your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly".

Rachel Kelly
Manager Government Relations