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Mr Nicolas Bosma
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Dear Mr Bosma

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 26 July 2013 for the following information:

- *Do Southern District police keep a record of lost work items? If so I would like a copy.*
- *If not, is there a reason no record is kept? Is it a national policy?*

A record is kept for items such as Tasers and firearms which records where these items are located, their movements and any losses.

For items such as Police radios, Tasers, firearms, body armour, exhibits, drugs, first aid kits, these are listed in registers that are checked monthly in an internal control system and double checked by Area Commanders and Business Services for any irregularities. Follow-up action is ensured and is taken in a timely manner.

For operational items such as crash kits, fire extinguishers, first aid kits and other equipment held in cars there are daily checks with a check-sheet to which is ticked off and any missing equipment reported to the fleet manager before shift vehicles are deployed.

Mobility items such as cell-phones, i-Pads and smart devices are recorded in a central register. If a device is lost, the member is required to report the loss forthwith to their supervisor and the Police helpdesk.

Southern District Police do not have a central register of lost work items. Therefore your Official Information Act request is declined under section 18(g) of the Act in that the information you requested is not held.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman in writing to seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



Mike Rusbatch
Assistant Commissioner Operations