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Dear Mr Depree

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 7 June 2019. You asked for:

1. *I wish to request details of all communication around the processes and decisions around the proposed reimbursement the proposed buy back scheme of prohibited firearms.*
2. *I want to see the report that has been produced (in part by KPMG) on values, how this has been produced, by whom and any communication in coming up with the said report.*
3. *I would also like to see the details of communications with NZ Police and NZDF on how the process to destroy the firearms will be done, and how much it will cost.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In relation to question 1 of your request, providing all communication regarding the reimbursement for the proposed buyback requires substantial collation. I am therefore refusing these parts of your request under section 18(f) of the Act.

The KPMG report is publicly available already, as is all of the Ministerial level advice. You can also find this on the Police website at the following link:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/proactive-release-papers-relating-development-buy-back-scheme>.

In relation to the part of question 2 of your request asking for all communication in coming up with the KPMG report, this information is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as it would require substantial collation and research.

I am releasing to you the details of the KPMG workshop on 29 April 2019, in which the prohibited firearms price list was first developed. The names of the attendees for that workshop are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. The first draft spreadsheets of the price list are included in the release. I am also withholding the names of the specific organisations these people worked for under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, as the withholding of information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

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I am also releasing information on the meetings that Police had with KPMG and other Government agencies, including the date and time of these meetings, the topic discussed and the organisations represented at each meeting. The names of the attendees at each of these meetings are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In relation to question 3 of your request, Police initially sought Staff Officer Support from NZDF to assist with the amnesty and buyback programme planning. This was provided from April to July. This assistance was focused on the design and development of the firearms destruction process.

NZDF have not been involved in the day-to-day operation of that process. Destruction is a process led and overseen by Police. There is no cost to Police in the physical destruction of the firearms.

In relation to the part of your request asking for all correspondence regarding the support by NZDF, this information is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requires substantial collation and research.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Yours sincerely



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