

29 August 2019

Our Reference: IR-01-19-18754

Mr Goodin
fyi-request-10491-a000f7dc@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Goodin

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 10 June 2019. You asked:

- 1) *How will the funds be transferred to the license holder who is surrendering a prohibited firearm for destruction under the buy back scheme.*
- 2) *How were these funds determined to be fair and reasonable.*
- 3) *How did KPMG determine what was fair and reasonable compensation.*
- 4) *What was the total cost of the buy back scheme as calculated by KPMG.*
- 5) *How long will the buy back scheme be in place.*
- 6) *What is the expected level of compliance. Please answer as a percentage of the total estimated amount of prohibited firearms.*
- 7) *What is the total estimated amount of prohibited firearms in New Zealand.*

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

Responses to each of your questions follow.

Question 1: Funds are transferred by a bank transfer into the bank account nominated by the owner of the item.

Question 2: The information for this question is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the KPMG Report, and a number of other reports, in which this information is included is already publicly available. You can find this information at the following link:
<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/proactive-release-papers-relating-development-buy-back-scheme>.

Question 3: The information for this question is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is already publicly available at the above link.

Question 4: The information for this question is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is already publicly available at the above link.

Police National Headquarters

180 Molesworth Street. PO Box 3017, Wellington 6140, New Zealand.
Telephone: 04 474 9499. Fax: 04 498 7400. www.police.govt.nz

Question 5: The buyback will operate for six months, from 20 June 2019, and will end on 20 December 2019. Further information about the buyback and updates can be found on the Police website at the following link: <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms>.

Question 6: There has been no modelling of expected compliance levels for handing in prohibited firearms as part of the buy-back scheme. This is due to the high degree of uncertainty around the number of prohibited firearms in circulation.

Question 7: Estimates of the number of prohibited firearms in circulation were carried out for the purpose of ascertaining an estimated cost of the buy-back. Early Police estimates suggested there could be between 60,000 - 240,000 newly prohibited firearms that would be subject to the buy-back scheme.

This estimate is based on an assumption that the total number of firearms in New Zealand is approximately 1.2 million. It includes known MSSAs, and estimated numbers of prohibited rifles and shotguns. The estimated range of prohibited firearms is wide as there is no record of the total number of prohibited firearms in New Zealand. Further information on this can be found the latest Police proactive release on firearms that can be found at the below link.

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

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.

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



Zane Hooper
Programme Manager
Firearms Response Programme