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By Email: fyi-request-10901-e195fa20@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear K Wehipeihana

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION - OUR REF: IR-01-19-21324

Your 5 August 'expression of interest' in the information below refers. We have interpreted this as a request to be supplied with actual information. You requested:

1. Correspondence relating to escalation of police presence at Ihumātao on the night of 5/6 August 2019; and
2. Correspondence relating to the actions taken by officers and orders given which might include things like surrounding manawhenua, blocking mobile signals, covering badges

Your request has been reviewed by the appropriate Police personnel who have been involved in the Ihumatao operation.

With regard to item 1 we advise that no such correspondence exists. Attending Police commanders made operational decisions to place staff in strategic areas as and when required in order to prevent protestors from advancing further into prohibited areas.

With regard to item 2 we again advise that no such correspondence exists. Police refute any allegation that orders were given to surround Manawhenua – or that Manawhenua were actually surrounded. As stated above, Police were placed in strategic areas to prevent protestors from advancing further into prohibited areas. Police also refute any allegation that they blocked mobile signals or caused mobile signals to be blocked. No orders were given to covering badges. This is not something that Police would allow and we would be surprised to learn of this occurring.

As none of the information you seek exists your request is declined in reliance on section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982. If you are dissatisfied with this response you have the right to have it reviewed by way of complaint to the Ombudsman

Yours sincerely

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