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Dear K.L. Ng

I am writing in response to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 25 August 2019. Specifically you requested:

*“I would like to request the guidelines and trainings police officers receive on using tear gas and other nonlethal weapons in crowd control.”*

New Zealand Police do not use tear gas for crowd control nor do we specifically conduct training for “non-lethal weapons in crowd control” situations. Training focuses on the extendable baton and Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray tactical options that officers have access which may be deployed in any situation should a threat arise that necessitates usage.

I have provided a copy of part seven of the Public Order Policing Chapter – Unlawful Assembly and Riot. Sections of this document are withheld under sections 6(a) and 6(c) of the Act.

Section 6(a) provides good reason to withhold official information where the release of that information is likely to “prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the government of New Zealand”.

Section 6(c) provides good reason to withhold official information where the release of that information would likely “prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial”.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have a right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



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