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Dear A

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 31 August 2019. You asked for:

Since the start of the firearms buyback program how many people have had payment withheld longer than the advertised 10 working days after the handover of prohibited firearms and or prohibited parts?

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

I have interpreted your request as payments that Police have intentionally withheld from making in the 10 day period for a follow up purpose.

Since the commencement of the programme, 38 firearms holders have had their payments withheld due to pending investigation beyond the advertised 10 working days.

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

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