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Dear Ian

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 28 September 2019. You asked:

Can you please supply me with what information is recorded by police either when recorded in the Firearms Search and Seizure database, or any other such database. Please list all required and optional fields on the database that are required or optional to be filled in by the data entry person.

Screen shots if web based or computer based, or scans of forms that are manually filled out are sufficient.

The screenshot of a Firearms Search and Seizure database entry is included with this response. I have redacted the details and annotated the form. The firearm type is a dropdown field which I included at the end of the PDF.

All sections of the form are mandatory but some flow from previous fields. For example, if the response to "Was seizure made" is "No" then no details of the firearms are required. If the seizure was made and type of firearm is known then the firearm type field is mandatory, however make, model, calibre, and serial number are not mandatory if not known.

Another place where firearm seizure can be recorded is the National Intelligence Application (NIA). The National Recording Standard governing the data entry into NIA is available on the Police website¹.

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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¹ <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/national-recording-standard-august-2019>