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Dear Malcolm

I am writing in response to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 28 October. Specifically you requested:

"In the first six months of Operation Gun Safe2 1206 firearms were seized, recovered or surrendered; 32% of Gun Safe events resulted in arrest; a firearm was discharged by an offender in 10% of the events and 18% of the 179 firearms presented at members of the public or police were located; when firearms were presented at Police they were discharged 50% of the time; firearms presented at the public were discharged 33% of the time; 34% of the individuals involved had gang links; 11% had firearms licences..."

[1] I specifically request the numbers of times firearms were presented at police, to accurately determine what the actual 50% relates too within the time frame referred to in the submission...

[2] I would also like clarity around the figures for "1206 firearms were seized, recovered or surrendered. Please supply this information in the categories of, seized, recovered and surrendered. The way police association have combined the information is is ambiguous.

[3] Also is it common practice to allow a non government organisation such as the NZ police association knowledge of police operations?

[4] How did the NZ police association know of Operation Gun Safe2?

[5] What other non government organisations know of Operation Gun Safe2?

[6] How was the police association informed of Operation Gun Safe2?

[7] Does a non government organisation having knowledge of police operations, either current or historical pose any security or legal issues?

[8] Please supply all information regarding Operation Gun Safe2 that has been released to the NZ Police association.

In order to respond to your request at this time, my response to question one and two is outlined below. I will provide you with a response to the remaining questions as soon as I am able.

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Gun Safe is a live, point-in-time database, and therefore figures reported on for the period of 1 March – 31 August 2019 are provisional and subject to change as additional incidents are back-captured or corrections made for accuracy.

The following breakdown of figures relates to the point in time at which the Gun Safe database recorded 179 presentations of firearms by offenders and 1,206 firearms seized, recovered, or surrendered for the period of 1 March – 31 August 2019 (as per your request). Therefore these figures no longer reflect the current Gun Safe data for this period as incidents may have been back captured or correction made for accuracy.

Table 1. Events where a firearm was presented at members of the public or police, 1 Mar – 31 Aug 2019

Member(s) of public	Police	Total
169	10	179

Table 2. Firearms seized, recovered, and surrendered, 1 Mar – 31 Aug 2019

Seized	Recovered	Surrendered	Total
1,132	58	16	1,206

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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