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Dear Malcolm

On 3 December 2019, New Zealand Police responded to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request and provided responses for questions one and two. This letter is in response to the remaining questions of your request.

"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..."

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[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.

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

It is common practise for New Zealand Police to allow non-government organisations such as the New Zealand Police Association knowledge of Police operations when they have a vested interest in the information or operation.

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

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

The source of the Police Association information around Gun Safe is not information that New Zealand Police holds, excluding the Police interview conducted by the Police Association (see response to question 8). It is of note that the New Zealand Police Association has not been provided with any information from NZ Police that has not been

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released publicly through Official Information Act 1982 requests or New Zealand Police media releases.

Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held by New Zealand Police.

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

New Zealand Police released a [public statement](#) on 7 June 2019 regarding the Gun Safe system. As such, there will likely be a number of non-government organisations who are aware of the Gun Safe system as it is public knowledge.

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

If a non-government organisation were to have knowledge of a current or historic police operation, any security or legal issues/implications would depend solely on the details of that specific operation. All information is subject to the Official Information Act 1982 which outlines provisions under which police can withhold information.

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

The New Zealand Police Association conducted an interview with Police regarding Operation Gun Safe that was published on the NZ Police Association website (<https://www.policeassn.org.nz/news/aiming-for-accurate-gun-data>). Also attached are notes sent to the Association to support this. Excluding this interview the NZ Police Association has not been provided with any information from NZ Police that has not been released publicly through Official Information Act 1982 requests or New Zealand Police media releases, which are available on the NZ Police website.

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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