

19 December 2019

Mr James Scott

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Dear Mr Scott

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your request dated 23 November 2019 requesting information on First Security personnel having access to Palmerston North Police Station. You requested:


1. A copy of any contract/agreement between Police and First Security in relation to their personnel performing these patrols in Palmerston North.
2. If not already answered by information provided in relation to (1), a description of the tasks being performed by First Security on behalf of Police.
3. An explanation as to why First Security personnel have access to non public areas of Palmerston North (and potentially other) Police Station(s). I have personally seen first security staff swipe in to non public areas of the station in the absence of Police staff. If they do not usually have access themselves and had borrowed an access card, why was this allowed by Police?
4. Given First Security staff have access to non public areas of the Police Station, what steps are taken to prevent these staff gaining access to sensitive information about offenders or members of the public that First Security and their staff are not entitled to collect (nor Police entitled to disclose, with or without intention) under the Privacy Act.

You may be aware that, under the Official Information Act 1982, we are required to respond to your information request within 20 working days.

This letter is to let you know that the consultation we need to do on your request means that we need to extend the time limit for responding to you (in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) of the Official Information Act 1982).

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You can expect a response by 23 January 2020. If you have any questions, you can contact me on phone number 06 351 3600.

Yours sincerely

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