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Ms Amy Ferguson

By email: fyi-request-11713-dd927698@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Ferguson

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your request received by email on 23/11/2019, in which you ask for, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982:

- 1) Detailed technical information in relation to photo/video graphic technology that is used by the NZ Police specifically in any/all undercover/covert/surveillance activities.
- 2) The photographic/recording equipment used within the entirety of WELLINGTON CBD.
- 3) Information on the equipment/s used specifically from June 2018 & October 2019.
- 4) Detailed specifications & particulars of any CCTV hardware/software purchased by the NZ Police, whether practically used or unused within the years of 2017-2019 in any/all surveillance operations in NZ.
- 5) Makes/maker, model, codes, software, type and any further additional info relevant to the above request.

In response to your five questions, Police do not collect data at the granular level that you have requested because we have no operational need for this information. The information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Therefore your request is being refused pursuant to both s 18(e) and 18 (f) of the Official Information Act because the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, alternatively substantial collation or research is required to provide you with the requested information.

Police are only required to report via their Annual report to Parliament on the exercise of certain surveillance powers: those reporting requirements are set out in ss169-172 of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hampton', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Paul Hampton
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