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Dear Mark

I am writing in response to the email you submitted 5 June 2020. Your request has been considered pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. Specifically you requested:

I am interested in knowing more about how Police use temporary carriage of firearms directives, such as the one issued on 1 March 2019 in Canterbury (<https://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/statement-regarding-carriage-firearms-canterbury-police>) and the one issued on 20 January 2020 in Eastern District (<https://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/correction-appeal-information-following-firearms-incidents-0>).

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- 1. Any policy or framework documents outlining how temporary carriage of firearms directives may be implemented.*
- 2. What records does NZ Police keep regarding temporary carriage of firearms directives?*
- 3. Is there any place where NZ Police proactively makes information about current temporary carriage of firearms directives publicly available?*

In response to your first question, Police does have a chapter on Police firearms covering the operational carriage and possession of firearms. From time to time a Police employee at the level of Inspector or above can authorise routine carriage of firearms with the following considerations:

Step	Consideration
1	On the basis of an assessment of a specific risk (verbal instruction) or; A coordinated pre-planned operation (operation order)
2	Must be for a specific time frame
3	Continuously reviewed to ensure the threat still exists
4	Communicated to all staff in the operating environment including oncoming shifts

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5	Must advise District Commander, DCC, and Comms
6	Must specify roles and conditions of carriage specific to the threat

With regards to your second question, Police is currently undertaking a review of firearms policy to include the recording of all temporary carriages of firearms.

Your request for question three is refused under section 18(e) in that any document/website alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

I trust you are satisfied with my response to your request. If not, 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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