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Dear Che

## Request for Information (IR-01-20-17867)

I write in response to your email dated 27 June 2020 in which you submitted a series of questions to New Zealand Police, as follows:

To: the New Zealand Police (NZP); NZP Agents,

Cite: Section 7(1) of the Policing Act 2008: There continues to be an instrument of the Crown known as the New Zealand Police;

You are required to provide your service in answer to the following:

- 1) Please confirm whether or not the interpretation for "the Crown" mentioned in the above section of the Policing Act is in reference to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second;
- 2) If "the Crown" in the Policing Act is not in reference to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, please provide the legal interpretation for "the Crown" as it is interpreted specifically in that Act;
- 3) Please confirm whether or not constables who swear an oath are bound to uphold the laws of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second;
- 4) Please confirm whether or not constables who DO NOT swear an oath, but make an affirmation instead, are bound to uphold the laws of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second;

I trust this response may assist you, but if you are dissatisfied, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Teresa McMahon

**Senior Ministerial Services Advisor** 

**Police National Headquarters**