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Dear Mr Citizen

I am writing to you in response to your email sent to New Zealand Police on 29 June 2020 which was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

Please provide a list of the number and type of alcohol license compliance checks made by Police from January 2019 to July 2020 and list of venues checked

Please also provide your policy on Frequency of venue/shop checking

How many times do you check a venue

What is this policy based on

What is the officer required to provide as report

What evidence of breach is taken if any breaches are found

Which officer has performed the most checks of a particular venue

My response to your request is as below:

Please provide a list of the number and type of alcohol license compliance checks made by Police from January 2019 to July 2020 and list of venues checked

The attached report provides compliance checks data for the period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020. The information provided in sheet title *NIA 3H & 7A* is extracted from the Police National Intelligence Application (NIA) and reflects the number of occurrences entered into this system by Police. There are many reasons for entry into this application, some of which include, but are not limited to, offences detected during the Hotel Compliance Check or Controlled Purchase Operation which could require follow up or prosecution.

This information provided in sheet titles *CARD 3H & CARD 7A* is extracted from the CARD (Communication and Resources Deployment) system which is used by police officers to log attendance at jobs. Some of these jobs are then inputted into NIA depending on the outcome. Caution should be used when comparing, adding together or cross referencing those jobs across both applications as they could be duplicates. Eg, A controlled purchase operation is logged with Police Communications and entered into the CARD system. This operation results in a sale to a minor, which is then entered into NIA and coded 7A.

Hotel Compliance Checks: Licensed premises compliance checks (also known as 'hotel visits') are an enforcement strategy to manage and regulate licensed premises. They can be carried out on club/special licensed premises (e.g. bars, restaurants, night clubs, RSA etc.). The objective of a licensed premises compliance check is to ensure the premises

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are complying with the provision of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and the conditions of their licence.

Controlled Purchase Operations (CPO): CPOs are planned operations designed to monitor and enforce the provisions relating to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and particularly to test the compliance level of licensees relating to the sale of alcohol to people under the purchase age.

Caveats: Please note that this data is provisional and drawn from dynamic operational database. It is subject to change as new data is continually recorded. Provisional data cannot reliably be compared to official Police statistics.

Your request for a list of which premises have been checked is declined pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 as providing this information will require substantial collation and research (s.18(f)), and breach the privacy of natural persons (s.18(a) - s.9(2)(a)).

*Please also provide your policy on Frequency of venue/shop checking
How many times do you check a venue
What is this policy based on*

New Zealand Police has no policy dictating any frequency of hotel checks.

*What is the officer required to provide as report
What evidence of breach is taken if any breaches are found*

Officers report their findings, whether in compliance or breach of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. Without limitation, this may address such matters as the presence and manner of engagement by the duty manager or other staff, the presence of certified crowd controllers, queueing practice, appropriate signage displayed, presence or otherwise of intoxicated patrons or minors, operating hours, availability of food and water, and the apparent impact on the amenity and good order in the surrounding locality. Evidence collected may include observations of Police, witness statements, real evidence (e.g. alcohol samples), photographs and notes etc.

Which officer has performed the most checks of a particular venue

Your request for which Police officer has performed the most checks of a particular venue is declined pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 as providing this information will require substantial collation and research (s.18(f)), and breach the privacy of natural persons (s.18(a) - s.9(2)(a)).

You have the right, under section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



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