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Dear Valerie

***Request for information***

***Ref IR-01-20-26462***

Thank you for your email dated 8 September 2020 requesting information on applications under the Terrorism Suppression (Control Orders) Act 2019. You requested:

1. How many applications, if any, for Control Orders (Terrorism Suppression (Control Orders) Act 2019) has NZ Police made?
2. Were any of these applications successful?
3. Please provide any written court judgements you received as part of any proceedings under this Act, whether successful or not, withholding any personal details as necessary.

I apologise for our delay in replying – your request was mislaid due to an administrative error on our part.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 and I enclose the following information:

- The answers to the above questions is nil.

There have been no applications for Control Orders since the provision became law, in December 2019, which is not unexpected. Control Orders were established to assist the management of exceptional cases. When these provisions became law, Ministers stated that the purpose was to deal with the risks posed by a small number of New Zealanders who have engaged in terrorism-related activities while overseas. The immediate concern were individuals believed to have been involved with ISIL in Syria and the possibility that one or more of these individuals may return to New Zealand and, depending on the circumstances, not be able to be managed by other means.

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Given the purpose of Control Orders and the requirements that need to be met for an order to be granted, Police expect that the number of Orders will be low, and possibly zero, for the foreseeable future. We also expect that if and when any such Control Order is applied for, the fact of that application to the High Court will become a matter of public record, even if suppression orders are made regarding details of the case.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Kennedy', with a long, sweeping underline.

David Kennedy  
New Zealand Police