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Mr Ian Froggatt  
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Dear Mr Froggatt

I refer to your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on 14 December 2020 for information on a number of questions relating to the Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (FTAC), as follows:

1. *What is the total number of people who have been detained in NZ under NZ's Fixated Threat Assessment basis since Sept 2017?*

Zero. Persons are not detained by the operation of the Fixated Threat Assessment Centre. The Centre provides prevention focused advisory services to other agencies.

If a person is displaying clear mental health distress, they may be referred by FTAC staff to an appropriate local mental health service.

If a person is displaying criminal offending, they may be referred by FTAC staff to local police for investigation.

If a person's communications are concerning, but are neither clearly in need of treatment or committing offences, FTAC staff may reach out directly to engage with the individual to offer support.

More generally, Police can detain (and take to a place for assessment) someone under Section 109 of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992. This power has not been exercised directly by FTAC staff.

2. *How many people, as at December 2020, are currently detained in NZ under the Fixated Threat Assessment powers?*

Zero. There are no 'Fixated Threat Assessment' powers.

3. *What is shortest period anyone has been detained for under the Fixated Threat Assessment powers in NZ since Sept 2017?*

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Not applicable

4. *What is longest period anyone has been detained for under the Fixated Threat Assessment powers in NZ since Sept 2017?*

Not applicable

5. *What is average period people have been detained for under the Fixated Threat Assessment powers in NZ since Sept 2017?*

Not applicable

6. *What is the gender breakdown of people detained under the Fixated Threat Assessment powers in NZ since Sept 2017?*

Not applicable

7. *What is the ethnicity breakdown of people detained under the Fixated Threat Assessment powers in NZ since Sept 2017?*

Not applicable

8. *What is the religious affiliation breakdown of people detained under the Fixated Threat Assessment powers in NZ since Sept 2017?*

Not applicable

Yours sincerely



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