

18 June 2021

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Dear Gary,

Request for information

IR-01-21- 18347

Thank you for your request dated 10 June 2021 seeking information under Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) relating to the sharing of video and audio information between McDonalds Restaurants New Zealand Ltd., its Franchisees and New Zealand Police.

You requested the following information:

- *Correspondence between McDonalds Restaurants New Zealand Ltd, its Franchisees and New Zealand Police that relate to the sharing of video and audio information collected at McDonalds' premises*
- *Any specific agreements, contracts and/or details of Police campaigns that are ongoing between McDonalds Restaurants New Zealand Ltd, its Franchisees and New Zealand Police regarding the sharing of video and/or audio information collected at McDonalds' restaurants in New Zealand*
- *Whether McDonalds Restaurants New Zealand Ltd and/or its Franchisees share audio or video footage from inside its restaurants with New Zealand Police.*

With respect to the first two parts of your request, Police has not located any relevant correspondence or other documents containing relevant information. It is possible that local correspondence has occurred between staff in Police Districts and local McDonalds Franchisees, but Police has not discovered any such correspondence in a search of the relevant systems. These parts of your request are refused under s18(e) of the OIA as the documentation alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

With respect to the third part of your request, Police often obtains CCTV footage from private premises as part of the criminal investigation process where the footage contains evidence of possible criminal offending. If it was relevant, this could include audio or video footage from a McDonalds premises. Police is unable to confirm the individual circumstances under which this has occurred, if ever, as there is no specific data available in Police records that would assist in determining relevant cases.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Wilson', written in a cursive style.

Kathryn Wilson
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