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Dear Jack

I am writing in response to the request you submitted 1 August 2021. Your request has been considered pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). My response to each of your questions can be found below.

1. *Can you please give number of public shot by police in last 10 years, the number of police shot by public in last 10 years?*

Between 1 August 2011 and 31 July 2021, 40 people sustained gunshot wounds as a result of Police discharge of a firearm. Over the same period, 10 Police officers sustained gunshot wounds as a result of firearms discharges by members of the public.

2. *Can you provide number of times a taser has been used in an unapproved way? I.E any situation in which an investigation found police should not have used taser.*

Since 2013, there have been 31 complaints upheld from a total of 10182 TASER uses. This equates to 1 upheld complaint per 328 TASER usages (0.3%).

Please note that TASER use includes both TASER shows (presentation, arcing, laser painting) and discharges (contact stun, discharge with probes). Police use Tactical Operations Reports (TORs) to report details about events where they have used force, capturing information about the broader context and sequence of the event, the people involved, the behaviours encountered and the tactical options used in response, as well as the officer's own thinking and decision-making leading up to and during the event

This data has been drawn from TORs which have completed the review process as of the date the data was extracted for that year's Tactical Options Research Report. Data for 2021 is comprised of TORs which have completed the review process as of 2nd August 2021. This data is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

It may interest you to know that Police publishes the annual Tactical Options Research Reports online. These reports can be found here: <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-publication/tactical-options-research-reports>

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3. *Can you provide the total number of firearms the police have?*

As at 6 August 2021, there were 6470 firearms in operational service within Police.

I trust you are satisfied with my response to your request. If not, you have a right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Director: Capability, Frontline Capability

