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Dear Mark

I am writing in response to the first part of your request that was transferred to New Zealand Police under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) from the Minister of Police on 22 September 2021 as this question was more closely connected with the functions of Police. Specifically, you requested:

*What additional oversight of Police activities has been put in place during the current increased COVID-19 Alert Level?*

There has been no additional oversight of Police activities put in place during the current increased COVID-19 alert level. Police operates under the existing legislation; this includes while working in the dynamic and changing COVID-19 environment.

We continue to police by consent to maintain the support of the wider public in our actions. This means our actions need to be seen as reasonable, proportionate, and aligned to the intent of the lockdown.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



Superintendent Barry Taylor  
**Director: Major Events**