

13 May 2022

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Dear Oscar

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 2 March 2022, in which you requested the following:

- 1. I request the full name of every person who was given a warning or arrested in relation to the protest located at the Beehive in Wellington. Period 7 February to end of today, 2 March. Please include what they were warned/charged with.*
- 2. I also request the number of people who have gotten name suppression and a breakdown of what their charges were.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA's website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police operational execution and the powers used to enforce the law.

The IPCA anticipates the Review will be completed and reported on by 31 March 2023. Police recognise the importance of transparency in these matters and looks forward to the release of the IPCA's report, at which time more detailed information regarding the Police response to the Protest is likely to be publicly available.

In the meantime, my responses to each part of your request can be found below.

I request the full name of every person who was given a warning or arrested in relation to the protest located at the Beehive in Wellington. Period 7 February to end of today, 2 March.

The names of individuals who received warnings or were arrested in relation to the protests at Parliament between 7 February and 2 March 2022 are withheld under s 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I also request the number of people who have gotten name suppression and a breakdown of what their charges were.

The information requested is not held by Police and there are no grounds for believing the information is either held by, or connected more closely with the functions of, another agency

¹ <https://www.ipca.govt.nz/Site/publications-and-media/2022-media-releases/2022-mar-24-investigation-review-occupation-parliament.aspx>

referred to in section 18(g) of the OIA. Your request would require the creation of new information and there is no obligation under the OIA to create information in order to respond to a request.


Please include what they were warned/charged with.

Please find attached a spreadsheet listing the charges laid against individuals relating to the Protest, as of 22 April 2022. Please also note that each line represents the charges filed against a single individual. Police continues to actively investigate matters arising from the Protest, and further charges may be filed or warnings given.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively release some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



David Greig
Superintendent
New Zealand Police