

28 November 2014

Mr Ross Browne fyi-request-1931-e412ebd1@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Browne

Your Official Information Act request of 20 October 2014 refers.

You have asked that Police revise their response to your question 2.2 by accessing 'Police form P130 (which) records the requested information under "section 3: Administration," which records, as separate database fields, quantity of helicopters used, the total hours, and the total cost, for both military and civilian helicopters'.

The P130 information is not held in a database format – they are stored on Lotus Notes Forms. The information held is therefore raw data. It is not simply a matter of retrieving the cost information from a database, but would require research of source data to generate fresh information in a form different from that in which the base data is held. Police refuses your request pursuant to section 18(g) as it does not hold the cost information.

You have referred to 'question 3.3'. Police are unable to locate a question 3.3 in your original request.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours faithfully

Barry Taylor Superintendent

National Manager Response and Operations