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Ref: OIA 22-118

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By email: fyi-request-19526-10159212@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Mr Calkin

Request for information under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email dated 31 May 2022 to the New Zealand Police via the FYI website, in which you request information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) in relation to firearms. The following part of your request was transferred to the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) on 11 July 2022 for response:

“Question 5

How many firearms have been intercepted and/or confiscated coming through New Zealand's borders illegally in the last 3 years?”

In response, please find attached a document titled ‘OIA 22-118 Firearms Interceptions and Seizures 2019-2021’, which includes a table breakdown of Customs’ interceptions and seizures of firearms in the 2019, 2020 and 2021 calendar years. While the information is considered correct at the date it was extracted on 14 July 2022, it may be amended or reviewed at any time.

Please note that we publish statistics on non-drug goods interceptions on our website on a quarterly basis, which include interceptions of firearms and firearm parts (under Category ‘Weapons’). These statistics can be accessed through the below website link.

<https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/statistics/non-drug-interceptions/goods-intercepted/>

If you have any queries in relation to this response, please contact the Correspondence, Reviews and Ministerial Servicing team at: OIA@customs.govt.nz.

Please note that Customs proactively releases responses to Official Information Act requests on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after we have sent it to you. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Nāku noa, nā

Debbie Kay
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