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Tēnā koe Andrew

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 16 June 2022 regarding gangs and transnational crime groups.

Responses to your questions are set out below.

a) a list of New Zealand Adult Gangs/organizations/groups that have been recorded on the New Zealand National Gang List.

The New Zealand Adult Gangs listed on the June 2022 National Gang List (NGL) are:

- Aotearoa Native
- Bandidos MC
- Barbarian Stormtrooper
- Black Power
- Comanchero MC
- Devils Henchmen MC
- Filthy Few MC
- Greazy Dogs MC
- Head Hunters MC
- Hells Angels MC
- Highway 61 MC
- Killer Beez
- King Cobra
- Magog MC
- Mangu Kaha
- Mongols MC
- Mongrel Mob
- New Zealand Nomad
- Outcasts MC
- Outlaws MC
- Rebels MC

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- Road Knights MC
- Satans Slaves MC
- Southern Vikings MC
- Stormtrooper
- Tribal Huk; and
- Tribesmen MC.

The NGL is comprised of information held by the Gang Intelligence Centre agencies¹ about patched or prospect New Zealand Adult Gang (NZAG) members and does not record gang associates or those who may be affiliated. The NGL was created for intelligence purposes, not for the purpose of counting gang membership numbers or to act as a reporting tool.

The information is collected for the purpose of maintaining oversight of the gang environment, to enhance our understanding of the scale of social harm caused by gangs, and to support the identification of prevention and intervention opportunities.

Individuals are added to the NGL following a validation process carried out by Police districts and national intelligence staff. The following factors are taken into consideration when validating gang membership (patched or prospect) status:

- intelligence from operations and search warrants.
- an 'intelligence noting' identifying an individual wearing a patch.
- visible evidence of members wearing a patch.
- certain prominent or significant gang 'patch' tattoos.

A fluctuation in numbers on the NGL may be attributable to a variety of factors, including changes in recording processes and methodology, improved intelligence collection and collation capability, as well as new individuals being identified as joining NZAGs.

Police continues to improve the quality and detail of data relating to gang membership at a district and national level in order to inform the delivery of policing services and support the identification of prevention and intervention opportunities.

b) a list of entities/groups that have been defined as 'transnational crime groups'.

If these are tracked as separate types of groups internally, they should be provided as separate lists or with that additional data column included (preferably as a common electronic format for data of this nature, such as .csv, .txt, .xlsx etc).

We have interpreted your request as relating to groups identified as transnational *organised* crime (TNOC) groups. There are approximately 20 TNOC groups currently of interest. This does not include any groups that may previously have been of interest but are no longer. The number of groups of interest is subject to change frequently due to a number of factors. We have not included known groups operating across the world where we have not identified a nexus to New Zealand.

¹ New Zealand Police, Department of Corrections, Internal Affairs, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, New Zealand Customs Service, Accident Compensation Corporation, Ministry of Social Development, Inland Revenue, and Kāinga Ora.

The names of individual TNOG groups have been withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- section 6(b), where making this information available would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of another country or international organisation; and
- section 6(c), where making this information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. 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.

Yours sincerely



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