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Tēnā koe Mike

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 8 August 2022, in which you asked for the following information:

How are operations or investigations named eg "operation deans" and is there a police policy about this that can be released?

Police assigns operation names to a variety of tasks ranging from community service and logistical work such as parades through to more serious events such as missing persons and homicide investigations.

Operation names are generated by an "Operation Name Manager" application that facilitates selection of operation names from a pre-approved pool of names. Its use is mandatory for the selection of names for all operations where:

- the operation is inter-district, regional or national; or
- the activity or investigation is likely to end up in the public domain (for example a District or High Court trial); or
- the operation is of a nature that will attract public and media interest and scrutiny; or
- the operation requires a project code (i.e. for allocation of funding and resources).

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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