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Dear JB

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 19 September 2022, in which you asked:

*I am requesting the number of police employed by NZ Police since 2017. To clarify, I am requesting the number of Police employed in NZ at 31 December 2017, and the numbers employed yearly to date. I would also like to know the net gain or loss in Police employed in NZ since that date (i.e., the number hired less the number who have left the police for whatever reason). I need no details other than the number.*

The table below shows the number of active constabulary employed by New Zealand Police between 2017 and 2022. Constabulary numbers include authorised officers and temporary sworn staff but not casual staff, contractors, staff on leave-without-pay or other police employees (non-sworn).

**Active constabulary employed by New Zealand Police between 2017 and 2022**

Date	Constabulary Headcount
31/12/2017	9,033
31/12/2018	9,425
31/12/2019	9,990
31/12/2020	10,334
31/12/2021	10,287
31/08/2022	10,499

The net gain between the headcounts on 31 December 2017 and 31 August 2022 is 1,466.

I trust this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely



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