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Dear Simon

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 25 February 2023, in which you ask for:

I would like to receive a list of all items lodged to PNHQ using the "NEW ZEALAND POLICE REPORT FORM" since 1 AUGUST last year (the POL.258 form)

Please include the "subject" and "text" fields too

On 7 March 2023 we contacted you, asking for your request to be refined. In its current format, the wording of your request is not specific enough to narrow down which iteration of PNHQ you are referring to, and this combined with the potential volume of the material you are seeking makes undertaking a manual search unfeasible.

As we have not received a response to that email, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

This decision is based on the following factors.

- a. The Pol.258 report form is one of, if not the most widely used form in New Zealand Police and thousands of these forms are generated and distributed throughout the organisation each year.
- b. The forms can be distributed electronically or in in hard copy format, and no external search function was built into these forms to enable identification of the intended recipient without physically viewing the individual documents.
- c. Furthermore, the term "PNHQ" in your request is ambiguous and could refer to either the Police National Headquarters physical building situated at 180 Molesworth Street in Wellington where more than 800 Police employees are situated, or it could refer to the Police National Headquarters workgroup which is made up of multiple business and operational units located in different physical locations throughout the country and has over 6000 individual positions associated to it.

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If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to refer the matter to the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz



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