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Dear Mason

***Request for Information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 23 March 2023, in which you requested the following:

- *Auror has been in use since the 4th of April 2018 at the latest, (<https://fyi.org.nz/request/21129/response/80603/attach/4/Walter%20John%20IR%2001%2022%2035618%20Response.pdf>) was Auror redacted, omitted, or suppressed from criminal disclosure at any time after it was introduced (including its trial period)? By redacted, omitted, or suppressed I mean either in whole or in part. For instance, was there guidance to withhold certain aspects of the system, or an approved guideline of what could be included in disclosure or warrant applications?*

*Please provide all documentation relating to this question. This may take the form of guidance materials or communications between the first registered users on the platform. I also seek the same material in reference to vGRID (VIBE).*

By way of response, it would require a manual review of all files to identify those cases where either Auror or vGRID (VIBE) information was part of the case, and if so whether any information relating to Auror or vGRID (VIBE) was not disclosed, either in whole or in part. This would require substantial research and collation, and if it was undertaken could only be done at disproportionate cost. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(f) of the OIA.

For completeness, there is no Police guidance material or policy on withholding information specifically to Auror or SaferCities vGRID. In regard to criminal disclosure, this is governed by the Criminal Disclosure Act 2008.

Although it has not been possible to provide the specific information you requested, we nonetheless trust you find this response helpful. If you are not satisfied with this response, however, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review Police's handling of your request. Information about how to do so is available at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Sincerely



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