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Sent via email to: fyi-request-2363-9e8a3680@requests.fyi.org.nz

I refer to your email request dated 29 December 2014 for information as follows:

Information for the years 1990 to present:

1. The number of sworn police officers
2. The number of IPCA investigations and Ministerial Inquiries against officers
3. A summary for the number of complaints against officers

I respond to each numbered item separately below.

1. The New Zealand Police Annual Report lists the number of constabulary employees, also known as sworn police officers. This report is published annually and is publicly available. From 2000, these reports can be found on our website:

<http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publications/corporate/annual-report> From 1990 to 1999

2. For the number of IPCA investigations against officers, I taken this to mean you are asking how many of the complaints are investigated by the Independent Police Conduct Authority. Police do not hold this information in a readily accessible format; therefore this request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982.

For the number of Ministerial Inquiries against officers Police do not hold this information in a readily accessible format; therefore this request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982.

3. For a summary of the number of complaints against officers by year - below is a table containing the information available to meet your request for the years 2010-2014.

Police refuse to provide the information relating to the time period prior to 2010, pursuant to sections 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested is not held by Police. The creation of the statistical information sought for the period prior to 2010 would necessitate the manual review of the physical files for Investigations conducted. Police can indicate that the majority of matters falling within scope for 2009 and prior would be archived and each file would need to be retrieved to obtain and assess the information to create the information sought. It is not

simply a matter of retrieving the number from a database, it requires research of source data to generate fresh information in a form different from that in which the base data is held. The Official Information Act applies only to information that is held by an agency subject to it, and an agency is not required to conduct research or analysis of source data to create new information in order that a request can be met.

Year	Known Officers	Unknown or unidentified Officer	Total
2010	1195	636	1831
2011	1161	657	1818
2012	1195	537	1732
2013	1405	493	1898
2014	1505	662	2167

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Anna Jackson
Acting National Manager: Police Professional Conduct.