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Dear James

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 2 August 2023 in which you requested the following:

*How many retail thefts have been reported to NZ Police from January 2022 to August 1st 2023 that involve a dollar value of less than \$10.00.*

Police record offences based on what is prescribed in legislation. For example, under section 223 of the Crimes Act 1961 there is provision to record offences such as 'Shoplifts (under \$500),' which would include those that involve a dollar value of less than \$10.

Please refer to the b table showing the number of reported victimisations for 'Shoplifts (under \$500)' offences for the period from January 2022 to June 2023. Police publishes statistics one month in arrears. Statistics for July and August 2023 will be released on the last working day of August and September 2023, respectively.

**Table 1: Reported victimisations for 'Shoplifts (under \$500)' offences, 1 January 2022 to June 2023**

	Reported Victimisations
2022	46,013
Jan – Jun 2023	27,085

It is not possible to further identify the specific value of offending involved in each case. In some cases this would require reviewing the individual files, while in other cases the value may not have been estimated or recorded.

To that extent, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information requested is not held.

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We note that in this instance, the figures provided herein count all reported victimisations involving at least one 'Shoplifts (Est Val Under \$500)' offence regardless of whether they are the most serious offence or not. Therefore, please note that these figures may differ to figures published elsewhere as official statistics where Victimisations are usually classified according to the most serious offences within an offence division.

Although for the reasons I have not been able to provide the exact information you have sought, I trust my response is still helpful in providing you alternative information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via [data@police.govt.nz](mailto:data@police.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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