

21 September 2023

Tēnā koe Ashlee

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 28 August 2023, for information to the policing of events on the “Stop Co Governance tour”.

You requested the following.

- 1. Deployment of Police Officers: I would like to know the total number of Police officers deployed to each of Julian Batchelors' "Stop Co-Governance" meetings. To better understand the scale of these deployments, please provide a breakdown of the number of officers deployed for each meeting. Additionally, I am interested in the total cost incurred to cover all expenses and wages for these officers.*

Police does not collate and maintain a centralised record of “Stop Co Governance” events and any associated policing response where such a response has occurred. It is rare for public order policing operations to be coordinated at a national level; rather they will typically be managed by the relevant Policing District as part of its day-to-day policing. These events have in some instances had no Police response, and in others were deployed to as part of normal policing duties.

There is a small amount of relevant information contained on the Police national deployment program, referred to as RIOD. I have included this information in the attached document, however please note that the information is incomplete and cannot be taken as a complete record of Police attendance at such events,

Please note that some information has been withheld under the following grounds:

- section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

To provide any remaining information on Police attendance at such events would require compiling a list of “Stop Co Governance” events and cross-reference these with rosters, and manually consolidate this information. Therefore, this part of your request has been refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Regarding the associated cost, as noted above, Police has not collated a centralised record of the number of staff deployed to such events. In addition, Police staff are not routinely required

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to produce time sheets that break down the time spent on the various events attended in the course of their duties, while the other costs associated with Police's day-to-day operations are not coded in a way that would enable Police to link them with attendance at events related to the "Stop co-governance" tour. It is therefore not possible to provide any exact monetary figures on the cost to Police of attending such events.

Your request is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Police.

- 2 *Reports and Arrests: I am seeking information regarding any reports or arrests that have taken place in relation to Julian Batchelors' "Stop Co-Governance" meetings. Please provide a breakdown of each meeting, including the nature of the reports and/or arrests that occurred.*

Similarly, to question 1, Police have not retained a specific list of arrests that relate to "Stop co Governance" meetings. Police arrests are coded to an offence type not specific to an event. Police do keep some records, albeit not overly comprehensive on our RIOD system. I have attached those records.

- 3 *Deployment of Officers from other Areas: Could you kindly advise if there has been a necessity to bring Police officers from other areas in order to provide adequate coverage for these events?*

I can advise that no Police staff were brought in from other Police Districts in order to provide coverage for these events.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



PP  
Andrew Fabish  
Inspector  
New Zealand Police

## Waitemata District

### Stop Co Governance meeting - Mahurangi East Community Centre Operation Overview

Sat 09 Sep 2023 14:00 1-1 Hamatana Rd, Snells Beach, 0920, NZL

- The operation went as planned and was sufficiently staffed and resourced
- A total of 13 staff were deployed into the area of the event. On the night there was a conscious effort to ensure Policing resourcing was largely held back as a contingency. Staff were deployed as required, the largest number we had at the venue would have been around seven at one time
- Good local partnerships and relationships with Iwi and individuals meant there were no major issues during the course of this event
- Around 100 people turned up to the event to listen to Batchelor
- About 12 protestors arrived. They stayed for the first 90 mins and then left and did not return.
- The event went for much longer than anticipated (4 hours)

#### Security at the Venue

- The local organiser informed Police that there would be security at the venue and that it would be people from Destiny Church who were part of the 'Man-Up' wing of the church
- No security ever arrived
- This became an issue when several protestors entered the hall and started yelling at Batchelor. This was dealt with by Police present in the area who asked the protestors to leave the hall (which they did with no issues).

s9(2)(g)(i)

- Of interest is the email trail from Batchelor which shows he sent an email on Friday night (08/09/23) in it Batchelor contacts staff in Auckland City to say he is running an event at Shooters Saloon in Kingsland at 1400hrs on Saturday 09.09.23
- Outside of this email there is nothing on the stop-co-governance website, facebook page or anywhere else I could find which confirmed this event in Kingsland
- As the day unfolded it was evident that Batchelor had been in the Mahurangi area the entire day
- The event in Kingsland never occurred as far as I can ascertain

- No explanation was sought from Batchelor on the day
- It is possible that Batchelor sought to misdirect Police resourcing, made an error with his dates or there was some other reason

**Stop-co-governance website**

- Batchelor has updated his website to include commentary on the Snell's Beach event

Marches scheduled, as per website

Sun 20 Aug 2023 09:57

Update from Website 20 August 2023

Marches scheduled as per below -

Stop Co-Governance Public Street March

16 September, time TBC

Tamaki Makaurau

Stop Co-Governance Public Street March

23 September, time TBC

Wellington

Stop Co-Governance Public Street March

30 September, time TBC

## Stop Co-Governance Southern District

Fri 11 Aug 2023 13:26

Update on the upcoming Stop Co-Governance events in Arrowtown, Lowburn and Te Anau:

- **Arrowtown Golf Club event - 14/08/2023 – CANCELLED** - I spoke to s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] S this morning who advised that this event has been cancelled due to the Arrowtown Golf Club pulling out after pressure from some of the Club members (I have spoken to the Arrowtown Golf Club manager who has confirmed the cancellation). s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] advised this event will now instead be livestreamed on the 14/08/2023 and that Julian BATCHELOR will be hosting the livestream from a private address in Queenstown. She advised this private address will not be advertised publicly and only a small group (friends and family personally invited) will be in attendance in person during the livestream. **Given this, it is unlikely the event will attract any protestors requiring Police intervention.** Whilst not confirmed by s9(2)(a) [REDACTED], I'd say this private address is likely to be at s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] – given recent interactions with s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] it is unlikely he will want any sort of Police attendance at his address if the livestream is in fact held there.
- **Lowburn Hall event - 15/08/2023 – GOING AHEAD** – s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] and local organiser s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] have confirmed the event being held at the Lowburn Hall is still going ahead as planned on the 15/08/2023. They have advertised the event and are expecting a good crowd to show up. They are not aware of any potential protests.
- **Te Anau event – 26/08/2023 – CANCELLED** – s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] advised this event will be cancelled due to communication issues with the local organisers.

s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] indicated they might host a livestream event from Balclutha but did not have a date or time for this yet as it was still in the works.

Given that the Arrowtown event will now just be livestreamed from a private address (this will not be advertised publicly), it is unlikely Police will be required.

## Op Stop Co Governance Hawkes Bay

Status

Active

Districts

**PNHQ (1), Eastern (1)**

CARD reference

**P055449005**

Julian Batchelor is touring NZ, holding anti-co governance meetings. Four daily meetings are scheduled for Hawkes Bay, commencing on Monday 24th July. A Policing Operation has been stood up to ensure that both the meetings and any subsequent protests can take place without any breaches of the peace.

Tue 25 Jul 2023 21:20 Units standing down

It appears that no meeting is going to occur tonight due to lack of a venue. Units have been stood down from the operation. Further meetings are scheduled for tomorrow and Thursday in Napier

Tue 25 Jul 2023 18:46

Police and protesters have arrived at the venue but it looks to be closed with locked gates.

Tue 25 Jul 2023 18:29

The meeting is set to start at 1900 hours at Elwood Function Centre. Units heading to the location now. Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Facebook page has listed the address, so protestors are aware