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OIA 24238

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Dear James

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 31 March 2024 in which you asked:

As you may know, over the course of the past few years, incidents of assault and abuse against frontline employees have skyrocketed. Police, Parking Wardens, Council Employees, EMS Staff, have been victim to ever-increasing instances of abuse.

Do you have any information to whether or not you will be proposing legislation (be it by yourself, or in co-operation with others) to reduce the number of unacceptable assaults against frontline staff by significantly increasing penalties for such actions? Supposedly, one was put forward years ago, only to be voted down.

I have interpreted your request as advice I have received relating to reducing the number of assaults against frontline staff.

No information has been identified as within scope of your request and as such, your request is refused in full under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Mitchell'.

Hon Mark Mitchell
Minister of Police