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Dear James

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 27 May 2024.

I note that your request relates a statement attributed to Chlöe Swarbrick by a New Zealand Herald journalist. Statements made by an opposition Member of Parliament to a reporter are not official information, and it would be inappropriate for Police to comment. You may wish to direct your questions to Ms Swarbrick, however I would note that as Ms Swarbrick is not subject to the OIA she would be under no obligation to respond to you.

With the above in mind, responses to each part of your request are set out below.

1. *Please outline the nature the nature of the work/engagement Chloe Swarbrick is doing with Police on a daily basis.*

Part of a Member of Parliament's role is to advocate in support of the interests of individual constituents and the wider community, and this will include regular engagement with Police.

2. *Please provide the name and rank of the officer/officers Swarbrick is in contact with or contacting on a daily basis over the last 7 months and number of contacts for each officer.*

Please refer to the answer for Question 7.

3. *Please provide the name and rank of the officer/officers Swarbrick's electorate office is in contact with or contacting on a daily basis over the last 7 months and number of contacts for each officer.*

Please refer to the answer for Question 7.

4. *Please provide the dates if any, Police officers have attended a meeting/incident or visited the following addresses in the last 7 months, 1 Cross Street, 76 Karangahape Road, 312 Karangahape Road (all in Auckland's CBD)*

Identifying whether any police officers have visited any of the listed addresses would require reviewing a variety of records and questioning police officers who have worked in Auckland CBD over the past seven months. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

5. *While not disclosing any personal details, please provide the total numbers of texts, emails and phone calls between Chloe Swarbrick and Police each week for the last 7 months.*

No retrievable text messages or phone call history are held between the Police and MP Chloe Swarbrick for each week for the last 7 months. Therefore, Police are unable to confirm or provide the numbers for texts or phone calls. This part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

Two series of email communications occurred between the Auckland Central Area Commander and MP Chloe Swarbrick's office, with one occurring on 17 May and the other occurring between 8-12 February.

6. *Please provide the total number of contacts between Chloe Swarbrick's electorate office and Police each week for the last 7 months. (no personal details are requested).*

I met Ms Swarbrick on one occasion in March 2024, to discuss concerns raised by some of her constituents. This was shortly after beginning my role as Area Commander – Auckland Central. On that occasion I also interacted with staff in her office. The above meeting was arranged through an email exchange corresponded by email with staff from Ms Swarbrick's office over the period 8-12 February. Following the meeting a further email exchange took place on 17 May to provide an update.

In addition, the acting Auckland City District Commander, Inspector Sunny Patel met with Ms Swarbrick and her staff on 7 February 2024.

Both mine and Inspector Patel's meetings with Ms Swarbrick took place at Auckland City Police Hub, College Hill.

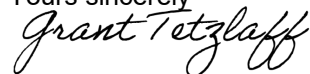
7. *Please provide the number of requests for direct assistance or help on behalf of constituents by Chloe Swarbrick or by Swarbrick's electorate office in the last 7 months.*

Identifying whether Ms Swarbrick or staff from her office have interacted with other police officers over the previous seven months would require reviewing a variety of records and questioning police officers who have worked in Auckland CBD over that period. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. The same applies to Question 2 and 3.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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