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Tēnā koe Joshua,

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 12 August 2024. You asked for information regarding a NZ Herald article published on 11 August 2024 with the headline “Waikato Superintendent Bruce Bird found to have ‘bullied’ senior officer in meetings”.

My response to each part of your request can be found below.

1. *I request meeting minutes, agenda and any documents for the below meetings.*

The meetings referred to were District Tasking and Coordination meetings, and documents forming part of those meetings are internal Police documents relating to tasking and coordination. This part of your request is withheld pursuant to s.6(c) OIA, where making available the information sought would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences.

2. *I also request correspondence, documents and evidence to and from the IPCA in relation to the two meetings mentioned in the below article involving superintendent Bruce Bird (February 2022 and March 2023).*

Any documentation between Police and the IPCA has not been used or disclosed by Police for its own purposes and is held solely as the agent of the IPCA. As such, it is excluded from the definition of official information by paragraph (f) of section 2(1) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Police therefore refuses this part of your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information is not held by Police, and Police cannot transfer your request to the IPCA because the IPCA is not subject to the Official Information Act.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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