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Dear Mr Harris,

Thank you for your correspondence of 26 May 2015. Please find below your questions and the associated answers.

1 *How often is the NZ police arsenal inventoried or audited?*

As a part of the Annual Technical Inspection regime the Police Armoury conducts an audit of Police weapons including tasers. Districts are required to conduct frequent audits during station checks which occur at various levels of responsibility on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

2 *When was the last inventory performed?*

Armoury-conducted inspections/audits are ongoing District by District throughout the year.

3 *List of all firearms, tasers, and other weapons which were unaccounted for in the last audit.*

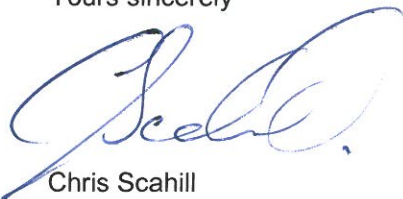
In the last annual technical inspection audit no weapons were unaccounted for.

On some occasions weapons are unable to be presented to the Armourer during the annual district technical inspection due to the weapons being deployed. In such instances where this occurs districts are required to send the weapons to the Armoury as soon as practical for inspection. This generally involves no more than one to three District weapons.

In respect of stab proof or bullet proof vests, these are not audited. Stab resistant body armour is individually issued to Constabulary staff and Authorised officers. These items are not inventoried or audited. Similarly, ballistic protection hard armour plates are issued to Police vehicles, and are also not inventoried or audited.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



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