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Dear Mr Kerr

I am responding to your Official Information Act request received on 12 January 2016 about not being able to locate a centralised list of all shooting ranges in New Zealand and requesting information on all civilian shooting ranges from New Zealand Police (Police).

Police has a responsibility under the Arms Act 1983 and Arms Regulations 1992 for recognising incorporated pistol shooting clubs and their ranges where pistols may be used by those receiving an endorsement to possess a pistol applied for under section 29(2)(a) of the Arm Act. Police has recently (mid-2015) undertaken a review of firearms administration and a number of proposals have been identified for implementation, including establishing a centralised list of all incorporated pistol clubs recognised by the Commissioner of Police. This is scheduled to occur in the 2016 year along with many other changes.

Police has no such responsibility for other types of civilian shooting ranges and as such does not hold a centralised 'register' of these ranges. The responsible bodies operating shooting ranges are required to gain resource consent and permits through their territorial authorities.

It is suggested that you contact the territorial authorities in the areas you are interested in to request if they hold this information. Alternatively, if you have a particular shooting discipline in mind, the relevant National Body may be able to provide useful information.

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

Superintendent Chris Scahill  
National Manager: Response and Operations