

28 October 2016

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Dear Alex Hill

I refer to your requests of 9 August 2016 for the following information

With relation to the 2009 Napier shooting, in which a police officer was slain:

1.0 - In the case that a report by any member(s) of the Police wrote a post-event review, or evaluation:

1.1 - A copy of any, and all, reports published internally by the New Zealand Police, evaluating the Police response to the shooting event;

1.2 - A copy of any, and all, reports published internally by the New Zealand Police, evaluating the New Zealand Defence Force response to the shooting event;

2.0 - With relation to the timeline of events that occurred during the Police operational response to the Napier shooting:

2.1 - A timeline of events that occurred during the event; which should include:

2.1.1 - All known actions undertaken by the Jan Molenaar (the Offender);

2.1.2 - All known actions undertaken by the New Zealand Police;

2.1.3 - All known actions undertaken by the New Zealand Defence Force, including the Air Force, the Army, or the Navy.

It is also understood that the shooting event required extra support from other sections of the New Zealand Police. With this context I request:

3.0 - With further relation to the Armed Offenders Squad (AOS):

3.1 - What other AOS units (apart from the Napier unit), were requested to attend; further

3.1.1 - The individual squad personnel numbers that responded;

3.2 - When each non-Napier AOS unit was requested to respond to Napier;

3.3 - When each AOS unit was 'released', or 'dismissed' from the response to Napier;

4.0 - With further relation to the Special Tactics Group (STG):

4.1 - What STG units were requested to attend; further

4.1.1 - The squad personnel numbers that responded;

4.2 - When each STG unit was requested to attend;

4.3 - When each STG unit was released from the scene in Napier; and

4.4 - The chain of command that authorised the mobilisation of the STG;

5.0 - With further relation to the Criminal Investigations Branch (CIB):

5.1 - The amount of detectives and support personnel brought to the operation;

Further, I also request to know:

6.1 - Any further sections of the New Zealand Police that assisted in the response to the shootings;

It is understood that the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) provided assistance to the civil power during this event, including using a NZ Light Armoured Vehicle to retrieve the body of a slain police officer. With this context I request to know:

7.1 - When assistance was sought from the NZDF, by whom, and in what capability;

7.2 - What assistance was actually delivered to the Police by the NZDF; and

7.3 - When the NZDF were released from the scene;



The attached documents are provided in response to your request.

On the Op Stingray 0 – 14 pdf and the Timeline and Reports pdf, the grounds for withholding certain parts are shown on the documents. The grounds are

- section 6(c) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the making available of the information is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.
- section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of natural persons including deceased natural persons.

Some sections of the Drew and Hoyle reports have been withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act.

In an effort to cross reference, below are the list of documents provided as they relate to each of the HILL numbered requests.

Questions 1

- 1.0 Drew report (22/3/16), Lynch report (27/12/12), Milligan report (27/5/09), Crosby report (3/5/12), McGregor report (30/11/09), De Lange report (undated), Lynch Reconstructions (undated) and Hoyle Deposition
- 1.1 As above. (de Lange report relates to shots fired by Police)
- 1.2 These documents do not exist and are therefore refused under s18(e) of the Act.

Questions 2

- 2.1 Refer to SHM147 Timeline (undated)
- 2.1.2 As per 2.1
- 2.1.3 As per 2.1

Questions 3.0

Squad	Deployed	Stood-Down	Persons Deployed
Gisborne	1000 7/5/2009	1800 9/5/2009	13
Palmerston North	1200 7/5/2009	1800 9/5/2009	9
Wanganui	1200 7/5/2009	1800 9/5/2009	3
Rotorua	1700 7/5/2009	1830 9/5/2009	12

- 3.1 As per 3.0
- 3.1.1 As per 3.0
- 3.2 As per 3.0
- 3.3 As per 3.0

Questions 4

- 4.1 For operational security, Police does not divulge the size, composition or specific deployment information relating to STG. In respect of this incident, the National STG was deployed.

Deployment of STG for an incident of this type must be authorised by a Deputy Commissioner or the Commissioner.



4.1 Provided by Inspector Geoff Jago - Commander: Operations Support Response & Operations ,Police National Headquarter

4.1.1 As per 4.1

4.2 As per 4.1

4.3 As per 4.1

4.4 As per 4.1

Questions 5

5.1 On day one approximately 20 Detectives and 10 investigation auxiliary members were deployed on the operation. From day two through day eleven this number rose to approximately 50 staff. This number was inclusive of three Environmental Science & Research staff, several forensic photographers and three Scene of Crime Officers. From day twelve through to approximately day seventeen, the approximate numbers of investigators were 16. From that point onwards, the numbers fluctuated but were around 8 – 10 investigators. During early June 2009, the numbers of personnel deployed on the operation was approximately 6.

Questions 6

6.1 Various members from groups such as Public Safety Teams, Community, Youth, Prosecutions and Headquarter staff were deployed and utilised on occasions during the enquiry but numbers cannot be accurately ascertained. Their functions were to assist investigations, complete area enquiry phases, scene guard duties and various other logistical functions.

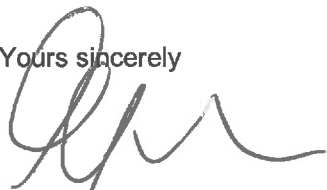
Questions 7

Police is advised that the NZ Defence Force has provided information in response to questions 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3.

The final coronial 'Certificate of Findings' and OSH Accident Investigation report are on Police file but OIA should be passed to each individual office for their review and response as was the case for the information around the NZDF involvement / deployment.

Finally I apologise for the delay in getting this response to you and advise you of your 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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