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Dear Sir,

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST: OFCANZ INFORMATION ON ORGANISED CRIME GROUPS IN NEW ZEALAND

I am in receipt of your Official Information Act Request regarding organised crime groups and the type of offending they are engaged in, in New Zealand. I am aware that you have discussed this request with the Deputy Director OFCANZ by telephone on 23 August 2012 and I therefore respond as agreed.

OFCANZ is the agency tasked by Government and New Zealand Police to investigate organised crime within New Zealand. It does so in cooperation with a number of international and national partner agencies. OFCANZ investigations are covert in nature and rely heavily on intelligence passed from internal and external sources.

You asked, firstly, for 'A list of gangs or transnational criminal groups operating in New Zealand.'

The majority of organised crime groups operating in New Zealand have had extensive media coverage and that information is readily available in the public arena. Police have recorded in excess of 30 gangs across the country. I have decided not to provide you with any further information on the basis that it is either already a matter of public record pursuant to Section 18 (d) of the Official Information Act 1982.

The remaining two questions you asked concerned, 'the geographic areas those gangs operate in and the area of crime those gangs operate in'. New Zealand Police does not record such summary information in a form that enables me to provide a response. Your request is therefore refused pursuant to s.18(g) of the Official Information Act

1982 as it is not held. I am, however, able to provide you with some general information that may assist.

A number of our larger ethnic based gangs operate on a national basis with representations in most parts of New Zealand. Other smaller groups operate on a local basis with some groups having a dominant presence in one place or another.

There is a great deal of commonality across crime types that gangs get involved in. By nature they are involved in all crime types with a preference for those that are highly profitable. Drug manufacture and drug dealing, extortion, crimes of violence, dishonesty offences, road safety offences, domestic violence and general disorder are all typical of the nature of gang offending. There is no indication that gangs are specialising in particular crime types.

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



Malcolm Burgess
Assistant Commissioner
Director OFCANZ