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M M Smith (by email to: [fyi-request-5066-bd9a3284@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-5066-bd9a3284@requests.fyi.org.nz))

Dear Mr Smith

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your 5 December email to Police, sent at 10:58pm, which requests under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) monthly breakdowns of the total number of "ram-raiding (robberies involving vehicles being driven into buildings/windows) incidents" from 2014-2016 in Auckland and New Zealand as a whole. This email appears to be a re-submission of earlier messages which reference "raim-raiding" sent to Police on 3 December, variously at 3:19pm and 3:22pm.

At the outset, please accept our apologies that it has taken so long to respond to your request. Whilst you received a series of acknowledgement-type emails, we should have acted with greater speed in addressing the substance of your request. The delay in doing so is regretted.

Also regretted is the fact I must largely refuse your request, as provided for by section 18(g) of the OIA, on the grounds the particular information you have requested is not held by Police.

This is because we do not record statistics on "ram-raiding" incidents *per se*. While such incidents are noted in the narrative of an occurrence in Police's recording systems, it is not in a form enabling production of statistics. The type of incident you describe would instead be recorded as an aggravated robbery victimisation which occurred at a retail location (which would include service stations, chemists/pharmacies, and so on).

While it is not possible to provide the requested breakdown of "ram-raiding incidents", the table alongside presents 'Aggravated Robbery' victimisations that occurred at retail locations in New Zealand and Auckland City Police District from July 2014 to December 2016, by month.

Please note: a victimisation counts a person once for each criminal incident for the most serious offence within an offence group. Also note that instances are excluded where, at 30 days after coming to Police attention, Police determine no crime actually occurred.

Comparable victimisation data for periods prior to July 2014 are unavailable due to a system upgrade that occurred in June 2014. More information about the change is available here:

<http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/transformation-nz-police-crime-statistics-new-measures-and-trends>.

	New Zealand	Auckland City
201407	44	3
201408	52	2
201409	47	10
201410	59	9
201411	46	4
201412	49	12
201501	63	17
201502	39	2
201503	42	14
201504	57	21
201505	40	10
201506	42	4
201507	56	6
201508	63	7
201509	65	2
201510	43	11
201511	31	5
201512	51	14
201601	53	8
201602	54	5
201603	38	7
201604	70	6
201605	72	12
201606	100	14
201607	145	24
201608	128	18
201609	99	13
201610	90	15
201611	84	7
201612	61	7

'Aggravated Robbery' data using the old crime statistics between 1990 and 2014 is publicly available at: <http://nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/wbos/Index.aspx> .

In closing, while I have not been able to provide you with exactly the information you requested, I trust the information (and explanation) I have been able to provide is of value. That said, if you are dissatisfied with this reply, then as you may know, you can approach the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my handling of your request.

Respectfully



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