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Dear Richard

I refer to your request of 26 December 2016 for the following information:

- *Confirmation as to whether New Zealand Police has any contract or agreement with an entity commonly known as Hacking Team*

Police undertake thousands of serious crime investigations each year that utilise a range of surveillance methodologies, techniques, equipment and people. These would include cases such as homicide, robberies, the on-line exploitation of children, drug dealing and matters of national security to name but a few.

It is important that Police on behalf of the community protect their methods as much as possible to ensure that criminals do not use publicly released information to hinder police investigations. Providing any such information to criminals would only harm the community and public interest.

Therefore your question is refused pursuant to section 6(c) of the Official Information Act 1982 because this would prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request, you have the right to refer the matter to the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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