

Official Information Act Request

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Withheld under s9(2)(a)

PNHQ-180 Molesworth St-OoC, Police National Headquarters

File Number: 16/7758/2

Workflow Status: Completed

Request Summary

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 To: OIA/LGOIMA requests at New Zealand Police <information@police.govt.nz>
 From: Mark Hanna <fyi-request-5237-eef5aa59@requests.fyi.org.nz>
 Date: 19/01/2017 11:24PM
 Subject: Official Information request - Guidelines for processing information requests

Dear New Zealand Police,

Over the past week, I have seen NZ Police respond to two independent requests for official information made via fyi.org.nz with a request for proof of eligibility under Section 12 of the Official Information Act, such as a New Zealand postal address or telephone number. It seems the requests will not be processed further until NZ Police has received this confirmation.

- <https://fyi.org.nz/request/5042/response/16630/attach/2/OIA%20Response%20T%20K%20Pritchard%2018.01.2017.doc>
- <https://fyi.org.nz/request/5227-people-locked-in-court-cells?nocache=incoming-16648#incoming-16648>

In 2012 and again in 2014, NZ Police have released under the Official Information Act their internal policy document on responding to these requests, which has been titled "Guidelines for processing information requests". Both times I have seen this document, it has specified that:

"However, should Police receive a request for [official] information from an individual or organisation outside New Zealand, every endeavour should still be made to comply with the request."

- <https://fyi.org.nz/request/493/response/2982/attach/4/guidelines%20for%20processing%20OIA%20requests.pdf>
- <https://fyi.org.nz/request/1748/response/6285/attach/5/millar%20gavin%20OIAGuidelines%20IR%20system%20re%20le%20as%20ed%20ou%20nder%20OIA.pdf>

This practice is also contrary to my personal experience with requesting official information from the NZ Police, as recently as September 2016. This has made me wonder if the relevant internal processes may have been changed recently.


Please release the current internal policy on responding to requests for official information, which I expect is still titled "Guidelines for processing information requests".

Please also release any other internal documents or communications pertaining to any guidance on requiring proof of eligibility under Section 12 of the Official Information Act as part of processing requests for official information.



I realise the second part of my request is quite broad. I'd be happy to discuss options for how it could be narrowed down, if you think that would be appropriate. I also anticipate it may require an extension of the standard deadline of 20 working days, if this appears likely to be the case I would appreciate if you could please release the "Guidelines for processing information requests" document before looking into the second part of my request.

I reside within New Zealand and am therefore eligible under Section 12 of the Official Information Act. As NZ Police have previously accepted my requests for official information (e.g. Ref 16/7758), I hope this assurance will be sufficient.

Sincerely,
Mark Hanna

Due with Requestor:  17/02/2017 Date Completed: 17/02/2017 04:54:50 p.m.
Correspondent Name: **Hanna, Mark** EMail Address: fyi-request-5237-eef5aa59@requests.fyi.org.nz
File Physical Location: min services
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Reply

Existing Attachment/s	Attachment Description/s
 Hanna, Mark reply 16-7758-2.docx	Hanna Mark reply 16-7758-2
 Disclosure under the OIA.pdf	Disclosure under the OIA
Hanna, Mark reply 16-7758-2 reply.msg	Hanna Mark reply 16-7758-2 reply


Assignee Workflow Table

Full Name	ID Number	Date/Time Assigned	Task / Action	Assignment Comments
[Ministerial Services]	-	17/02/2017 16:53	Arrange Executive Signoff	Withheld under s9(2)(h)
Withheld under s9(2)(a)		13/02/2017 16:01	Notified Legal/Privacy Review Completed	
[Legal]	-	13/02/2017 10:01	Undertake Legal/Privacy Review	Withheld under s9(2)(a) has taken a hard copy to Legal
Withheld under s9(2)(a)		24/01/2017 10:22	Prepare Draft Reply	I will prepare the reply myself

Request Details

Receiving District: Police National Headquarters Area/District Coordinator: - Select -
External Reference: Related File:

Received Date: 19/01/2017

Bring Up Date
Action Required By:  15/02/2017

Due with Requestor: 17/02/2017

 **NIA Details**



NIA Person ID:

NIA Case Number:
(Optional)

 **Correspondent's Details**




Type: Individual

Last Name:	Hanna	First Name:	Mark
Middle Name:		Date of Birth:	
Road/Street:		Suburb:	
Town/City:		Post Code:	
Country:	New Zealand	Phone Number:	
		Mobile Number:	
E-Mail Address:	fyi-request-5237-eef5aa59@requests.fyi.org.nz	Role:	Correspondent

Associated Persons




 No associated persons have been specified for this record.

Business Owner(s) Details



Primary Business Owner

Owner Name:	Withheld under s9(2)(a)	ID Number:	Withheld under s9(2)(a)
Rank:	N/A	Position:	
Workgroup:	Executive and Ministerial Services	Station:	PNHQ-180 Molesworth St-OoC
Area:	Police National Headquarters	District:	Police National Headquarters

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Form History



Date	History Comment
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17/02/2017 04:54 p.m.	Final Reply Sent by Withheld under s9(2)(a) Status changed by Withheld under s9(2)(a)
17/02/2017 04:53 p.m.	Arrange Executive Signoff by Withheld under s9(2)(a) Assigned to [Ministerial Services]: Arrange Executive Signoff.
13/02/2017 04:01 p.m.	Notified Legal/Privacy Review Completed by Withheld under s9(2)(a) Assigned to Withheld under s9(2)(a) Legal/Privacy Review Completed by Withheld under s9(2)(h) Withheld under s9(2)(h)
13/02/2017 10:01 a.m.	Draft Reply Prepared by Withheld under s9(2)(a) Assigned to [Legal]: Send for Legal/Privacy Review by Withheld under s9(2)(a) as taken a hard copy to Legal
13/02/2017 10:01 a.m.	DC Changed by Withheld under s9(2)(a) District Coordinator changed from Withheld under s9(2)(a)
08/02/2017 01:01 a.m.	Notification (Nearing Completion Date) by System Agent Nearing completion date reminder sent.
26/01/2017 01:01 a.m.	Notification (Transfer External) by System Agent External transfer reminder sent.
24/01/2017 10:22 a.m.	Assignment Accepted by Withheld under s9(2)(a) Assigned To: Withheld under s9(2)(a)
24/01/2017 10:22 a.m.	Assigned by Withheld under s9(2)(a) Business Owner: Withheld under s9(2)(a)
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