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Dear Mr Hanna

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 request of 2 February 2017 for:

In a media release today (2nd February 2017) titled "Ten per cent more police to reduce crime", you said:

"A \$503 million package which includes increasing police staff and resources across the country will reduce crime and make our communities safer."

Please release the evidence and advice on which the statement that this package "will reduce crime" and that it will "make our communities safer" is based.

The cabinet paper *Safe, Confident and Resilient Communities – Investment in Policing* is available on the Police website via the attached link:

<http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/safer-communities-investment-package>.

I will soon publicly release other documents used by Cabinet to inform its decision to increase police staff and resources. Therefore, your request is declined pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested is, or will soon be, publicly available.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman in writing to seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

Hon Paula Bennett
Minister of Police