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**Alex Harris**

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Dear Mr Harris

Thank you for your email of 5 October 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information as to whether an authorisation was granted for use of the Armed Forces to assist the police at the incident at Linton Army Camp in October 2012.

No authorisation under section 9(4) of the Defence Act 1990 was given.

The Light Armoured Vehicles referred to in the Herald article you mention were returning to Linton from an exercise, and were not involved in any way with the Police. The return of the LAVs was misreported by the media.

I trust this satisfies your request for information.

Yours sincerely

  
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