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Dear Mr Lock

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 2 July in which you asked for the following information about Chris Cahill's statement *'one police district that did keep good records in the past 12 month seized 538 firearms'*:

1. *What policing district is referred to in Mr Chris Cahill's statement?*
2. *Over what twelve month period does Mr Cahill refer to?*
3. *The amount of each type of firearm in each of the categories A, B, C, E?*
4. *How many of the 538 seized firearms were seized from licenced firearm holders?*
5. *How many firearms were returned to the person from whom they were seized?*
6. *How many licenced firearm holders, whose firearms were seized in the 12 month period referred to, were charged with a firearms offense under the Arms Act 1983 or other relevant Act or Regulations?*
7. *Of those charged, how many received convictions, or are pending trial?*
8. *Of the firearms (if any) that were returned to the original licenced firearms holder, what was the original reasons for the seizure of the firearms?*
9. *What was the largest amount of firearms seized in one seizure, and categories of each firearm seized?*


The figure Chris Cahill has provided in the above statement has been generated by the Police Association. The New Zealand Police Association is a voluntary service organisation which advocates for and supports Police staff. The Police Association is independent of New Zealand Police.

Police cannot therefore provide you with any of the requested information pursuant to 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information is not held.

You may wish to direct your questions regarding this figure and the statement from which it came to Mr Cahill and/or the Police Association.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



Teresa McMahon  
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