



17 August 2017

Mr Malcolm Lock

Request for Information

I am providing this in response to your request pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. In this request, you have asked Police to provide responses to the following questions:

1. *In the last fiscal year how many A category firearms have been seized by the New Zealand Police from licensed firearm holders?*
2. *In the last fiscal year how many B category firearms have been seized by the New Zealand Police from licensed firearm holders?*
3. *In the last fiscal year how many C category firearms have been seized by the New Zealand Police from licensed firearm holders?*
4. *In the last fiscal year how many E category firearms have been seized by the New Zealand Police from licensed firearm holders?*

The responses to your questions are outlined below.

The breakdown you have requested is not able to be provided as when firearms are seized, information is recorded on the type of firearm but not necessarily its category. Therefore the information you have requested is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982.

The table I have provided below provides the number of firearms seized in 2016/17 financial year where at least one of the people from whom the firearms were seized had a Firearms Licence at the time of seizure.

Sometimes a seizure may involve multiple people and multiple firearms. It is not possible to attribute which firearm was seized from which person within the data. Therefore, if any one of the people during the search was recorded as a firearms licence holder, all the firearms seized during that search are included below.

Category A is a standard firearms licence, Category B is an endorsement for pistols, Category C is an endorsement for firearms collectors, and Category E is an endorsement for MSSA weapons

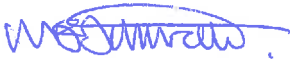
Firearm Type	Number Seized in 2016/17 from Firearms Licence Holders
Airgun - handgun	5
Airgun - rifle	20
Handgun - pistol	4
MSSA - Military Style Semi-Automatic	3
Rifle - cut down	3
Rifle - full length	240
Shotgun - cut down	2
Shotgun - full length	98
Grand Total	375

With regard to the figures shown in the above tables the data cannot be relied upon due to:

- The database allows only six firearms per submission, if more than six firearms were seized officers will either refer to the extra seizures by way of comment added to the initial submission or make additional submissions.
- Also excluded are: ammunition, other, imitation firearms, and knives.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



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