

2 October 2017

Mr Malcom Lock

Email: fyi-request-6487-89e4a821@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Lock

I refer to your email of 28 August 2017 requesting information about the number of incidences involving firearms that were reported by members of the NZ Police. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

1. *How many incidences involving firearms were reported by members of the NZ Police for the month of January, including any firearms found during searches of property or vehicles. Could this information please be supplied by the date in January 2017 and the policing district where each incidence occurred.*

On the 5 September Niki Seager contacted you seeking clarification around what information you actually sought when you asked for "*incidences involving firearms reported by member of the NZ Police..*" you were given three suggestions to clarify the information you were seeking:

- Specifically those instances that were reported by police officers (ie, police officer reported the offence)
- All victimisations involving firearms (eg assault with firearm, regardless of whether it was a member of the public or a police member) or
- All offences with a firearm (this will also include licensing offences that may not have a victim)

On 6 September you advised that you wished to have the information that is "specifically those instances that were reported by police officers (i.e. police officer reported the offence)". You advised that the request was worded the same as a previous request but you had just changed the month.

Upon looking at the request to which you refer (reference: 17/6794/2) I saw that the information you were provided on that occasion was "all victimisations involving firearms (i.e. assault with a firearm, regardless of whether it was a member of the public or a police member).

In order to assist you I have included in this response the data for February for the number of instances involving firearms that were reported by police officers (i.e. police officer reported the offence).

My response is outlined below.

1. *The number of instances involving firearms that were reported by police officers (i.e. police officer reported the offence) for the month of January and February by District, including any firearms found during searches of property or vehicles.*

Please note that the data provided in this response shows the number of instances where a police officer reported a firearm-related occurrence (i.e. the firearm offence has been discovered by the police officer in the course of their duty which may or may not include victimisations) and where a warrantless seizure of a firearm or seizure of a firearm with a search warrant took place. The information is for those instances that took place in January and February 2017.

Number of occurrences police have reported a firearms related offence by year's week in January and February 2017.

| | Jan | Jan | Jan | Jan | Jan | Jan | Feb | Feb | Feb | Feb |
|------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| WEEK OF THE YEAR | Week 52 | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 |
| NORTHLAND | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| WAITEMATA | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| AUCKLAND CITY | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| COUNTIES/MANUKAU | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| WAIKATO | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| BAY OF PLENTY | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| EASTERN | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| CENTRAL | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| WELLINGTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TASMAN | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| CANTERBURY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| SOUTHERN | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 2 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

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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