



31 August 2017

B White

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Dear B White

I refer to your request of 28 August 2017 for the following:

Can you please supply high level data on police information requests made under Principle 11 of the privacy act. I understand that the form used by police has been updated in 2017 so for ease, I ask for data since this change. I would like counts of requests issued broken down by (if possible) by the below (or similar if more easily retrievable in that format)

- type of institution information was requested from (bank, employer, other financial institution etc)*
- police district or central team requesting information,*
- urgent/non-urgent nature*
- made with/without the individual's authorisation*
- further disclosure yes/no (disclosure to individual might prejudice ongoing investigation)*
- section 11 subsection highlighted in legal basis under which police think disclosure is justified (11 d, e, or f)*
- type of case - offence or offence category, or other such as missing persons.*

When responding please specify the time period for which the response is given.

At present New Zealand Police does not hold the level of information you request. All requests are carried out and managed at an investigation file level and at this stage Police does not collect the forms in a central manner. That means the information you have asked for is not yet collated within Police.

To acquire the information you have asked for would currently take substantial research and collation across an enormous daily work activity within Police. In addition, the forms are only one conduit for making requests for information. For example, nothing in law prevents such a request being made verbally.

The processes around the new form are periodically reviewed and one of the future considerations will be to look at the prospect of central oversight of the process. However, at present, your request must be refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information you ask for does not exist.

Yours sincerely

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