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Dear Sharee

Official Information Request 1982

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 request of 5 September 2017 that was transferred to Police by the Prime Minister's Office. Your request and Police's response is below.

Q1: Does National have any steps that are going to be taken to have at least some kind of drug testing in the NZ police force?

Police response:

Police currently carry out alcohol and drug testing following critical incidents i.e. Police involved shootings, in accordance with a Commissioners Circular of March 2017.

A full alcohol and drug testing policy is in the final stages of development in consultation with internal and external stakeholders, and is expected to be implemented this year. Testing is likely to be undertaken for pre-employment, post critical incident, reasonable cause and for designated work groups.

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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