



Our Reference: 17-6794-7

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Dear Malcolm

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your email of 19 September 2017 requesting information pertaining to the NZ Police response to Official Information Act request 17/6794/2. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

1. *Of the 22 victimisations in week 6 of 2017, were any Armed offender squad members or armed police called out to respond to these incidences?*
2. *How many arrests were made in relation to these victimisations?*
3. *How many firearms were seized from these incidences?*

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

Of the 22 reported victimisations where a firearm was recorded as the weapon in week six of February 2017 there were 10 individual occurrences. In reviewing the data in response to this request it was discovered that four of these occurrences had been coded incorrectly and no firearm was involved.

1. *Of the 22 victimisations in week 6 of 2017, were any Armed offender squad members or armed police called out to respond to these incidences?*

Your request for incidences where the Armed Offender Squad or armed Police were called out in response is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, as "the information requested is not held". That is, your request necessitates analysis of qualitative data to generate new data in the form that you request. There is no obligation on Police to create information to answer a request.

2. *How many arrests were made in relation to these victimisations?*

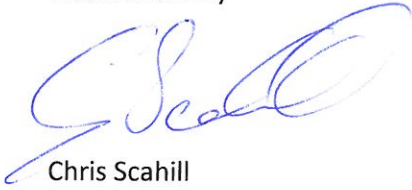
Arrests were made in four of the remaining six occurrences.

3. *How many firearms were seized from these incidences?*

Of the remaining six occurrences firearms were seized in two of these.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Scahill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Scahill

Superintendent

National Manager: Response and Operations