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Mr Malcolm Lock

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Dear Mr Lock

I refer to your email of 5 November 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:

*How many incidences involving firearms were reported by members of the New Zealand Police for the month of March 2016, including any firearms found during searches of property or vehicle. Could this information please be supplied by the date in March 2016 and the policing district where each incident occurred.*

My response is outlined below.

**Number of occurrences police have reported a firearms related offence by year's week in March 2016.**

Week Number	March 2016				
	9	10	11	12	13
NORTHLAND			2	1	
WAIKATO	2			1	1
AUCKLAND CITY		1	1	1	
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2	1	1		1
WAIKATO	2	1	2	3	
BAY OF PLENTY		4		2	
EASTERN		3		1	2
CENTRAL	3	4		1	1
WELLINGTON	2		2	1	
TASMAN		1			2
CANTERBURY	1	2	4	1	2
SOUTHERN		1	1		
Total by Week	12	18	13	12	9

Please note that the data provided in the above table 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 March 2016.

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 'Scahill', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Chris Scahill  
Superintendent  
**National Manager: Response and Operations**