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Mr Malcolm Lock

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Dear Mr Lock

I am writing to you in response to the email dated 1 December 2017 you sent to the New Zealand Police requesting information pertaining to the New Zealand Police Annual Report 2016-2017 concerning firearms licence reporting. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

"In the NZ police annual report 2016-2017, <http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/annual-report-2016-2017.pdf> on page 47 it states a performance standard of 400 to 600 firearm licence revocations for the 2016\17 year.

- 1. How did the New Zealand police establish this figure of 400 to 600 firearm licence revocations for the 2016\17 year.*
- 2. Why is 400 to 600 firearm licence revocations a performance standard?*
- 3. As performance measure, does this mean police are actively seeking revocations of firearms licences to meet the performance standard?"*

My response is outlined below:

- 1. How did the New Zealand police establish this figure of 400 to 600 firearm licence revocations for the 2016\17 year.*

As per footnote 28 in the 2016/17 Annual Report, the outturn for the measure is demand driven.

- 2. Why is 400 to 600 firearm licence revocations a performance standard?*

The 'performance standard' is based on prior years' actual demand driven outturns and is, as shown below, usually within the range of 500 to 600 occurrences per annum.

Financial Year	No. of Licences revoked
2011/12	599
2012/13	564
2013/14	565
2014/15	556
2015/16	517
2016/17	505

- 3. As performance measure, does this mean police are actively seeking revocations of firearms licences to meet the performance standard?"*

Police do not revoke firearms licences without reason. Police will revoke a firearms licence when an individual has demonstrated themselves no longer 'fit-and-proper' to hold a firearms licence – for example through family violence offending.

The revocation of the licence means that the individual can no longer (lawfully) access firearms.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have a right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to ask the Office of the Ombudsmen and seek an investigation and review of my decision

Yours sincerely



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