



16 April 2018

Ref: 18/3203

Craig Parkes

Dear Mr Parkes

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 19<sup>th</sup> march 2018 and supply the following responses to your questions

1. **In 2016 & 2017, how many sexual assault complainants to Police in New Zealand (ideally broken down by Police station) had video recordings made of their Police interviews?**
2. **In 2016 & 2017, how many sexual assault complainants to Police in New Zealand (ideally broken down by Police station) were interviewed but did not have video recordings made of their Police interviews as per the above published procedure?**

I have included a list of all complaints received of sexual violation and attempted sexual violation in the 2016 and 2017 years. The table also includes all those that were evidential interviewed on video and the amount that weren't. This information should cover question 1 and 2.

3. **In 2016 & 2017 how many suspects/complainees raised in interviews by sexual assault complainants were interviewed by Police and had video recordings made of their Police interview.**
4. **In 2016 & 2017 how many suspects/complainees raised in interviews by sexual assault complainants where interviewed did not have video recordings made of their Police interviews?**

Police do not hold information electronically around suspects and their video interviews. To collate this information we would need to examine every physical file from around the country. As a result questions 3 and 4 are refused under section 18 (f) of the Official information Act 1982 because it would require substantial collation.

5. **As of December 2017 are video recordings of sexual assault complainants interviews still routinely stored on DVD's as outlined here: <http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/...> Or are they recorded in some other electronic form (e.g. to a mp4 file) and stored on SD cards or some other form of digital media, other than DVD?**

All video interviews of both complainants, suspects and witnesses are currently stored on DVD's.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to withhold this report.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Kirby', written in a cursive style.

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