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B E Goodsir

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Dear B E Goodsir

I write in response to your Official Information Request dated 9 February 2018 requesting information or evidence of meetings with the LGBT Community Organisations in the previous 12 months, including the length of meetings, the top of discussion or the agenda, and the number of NZ Police attendees.

You specifically asked to include notes from meetings or consultations unconnected to either the Auckland or Wellington Pride Festivals.

**The response to your OIA request is below:**

New Zealand Police have 68 Diversity Liaison Officers (DLO) spread throughout the county who provide an important link between Police and the LGBTIQ+ community and organisations. As part of this work, our Diversity officers set up the Rainbow (Aniwaniwa) Connection group in 2016.

Since their inception, they have met with organisations and representatives of the LGBTIQ+ community quarterly.

Police invite a number of stakeholders to these meetings including: Rainbow Youth, Prostitutes Collective, Outline, New Zealand Aids Foundation and members of the Rainbow Community and the Auckland Pride organiser. These meetings are currently attended by an Inspector, a Police Intelligence Support Officer and one other staff member.

One of the action points from these meetings for Police to action is to raise the visibility of NZ Police within the Rainbow community. Initiatives undertaken by Police to achieve this, included the development of Rainbow Lanyards and Pins for Police staff.

It should be noted that there were no formal minutes recorded by Police or other meeting attendees, however as requested, please find enclosed a copy of notes from the Rainbow Connection meetings. Personal information of some individuals are withheld under 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of individuals.

I hope this information answers your request, if you are not satisfied with the provision of this information, you have the option of contacting the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Public Affairs