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Dear Adam

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your request dated 13 March 2018 in which you requested the following information:

1. The dollar value of funding given by New Zealand Police to the New Zealand Police Pipe Band each year since 2000, including break down of operation vs capital expenditure if applicable;
2. All correspondence – including texts, emails, letters – between the New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Police Pipe Band regarding funding;
3. All correspondence – including texts, emails, letters – between the New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Police Pipe Band regarding international players and funding for them;
4. Any expectations set out by either the New Zealand Police to the New Zealand Police Pipe Band or the New Zealand Police Pipe Band themselves regarding the level of domestic versus international players expected within the band.

In response to your request the following information is provided from the Royal New Zealand Police College that is the portfolio holder of the New Zealand Police Pipe Band:

1. The funding given by New Zealand Police to the New Zealand Police Pipe Band for the period 2003 to 2017 is detailed in the table below.

Payments made between 2000/2001 to 2002/2003 cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, therefore that part of the request is declined under s18(f) of the Official Information Act.

NZ Police Pipe Band Payments	GST Exclusive	
	Grant Funding	Equipment Purchases
2003/04	65,000	
2004/05	65,000	
2005/06	90,000	7,556
2006/07	75,000	
2007/08	75,000	
2008/09	80,000	
2009/10	50,000	
2010/11	84,773	
2011/12	50,000	
2012/13	50,000	
2013/14	50,000	964
2014/15	50,000	16,000
2015/16	50,000	
2016/17	50,000	38,699
2017/18	50,000	

2. You have also asked, in questions 2 and 3, for all correspondence including texts, emails and letters between New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Police Pipe Band regarding funding for the band, and regarding the funding of international players.

I have attached correspondence that is within the scope of your request. This covers the period from 2015 to 2018.

Date	Correspondence Description
13.01.2015	Letter from NZ Police Pipe Band to NZ Police applying for additional funding to replace old and worn out kilts.
15.01.2015	Internal memorandum seeking funding approval.
11.01.2016	Letter from NZ Police Pipe Band to NZ Police applying for supplementary funding for uniform purchase.
21.01.2016	Internal memorandum seeking funding approval.
13.04.2016	Letter from NZ Police Pipe Band to NZ Police applying for supplementary funding for the purchase of instruments (new drum sets).
26.04.2016	Internal memorandum seeking funding approval.
19.04.2017	Letter from NZ Police Pipe Band to NZ Police seeking an increase to the annual grant for the 2017-2020 period.
14.06.2017	Letter from NZ Police to the President of the NZ Police Pipe Band advising that the funding grant will remain unchanged for the 2017/18 financial year.

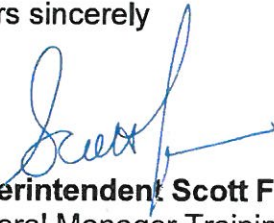
3. It is not clear whether you intended questions 2 and 3 to cover the period 2000 to the present day. If that is the case, please be aware that locating all correspondence before 2015 would be an enormous undertaking. Such correspondence is not held in a single location. It would involve us identifying the relevant members of staff who were involved in managing the portfolio for the New Zealand Police Pipe Band between 2000 and 2015 (many of whom will have moved on over that time), and trying to identify emails or other correspondence relevant to your request.

It would also require our ICT team to seek permission to access archived emails covering a 15 year period. For that reason, a request for correspondence preceding 2015 is refused under s18(f) of the Official Information Act as the information could not be made available without extensive collation and research.

4. There are no expectations set out by the New Zealand Police to the New Zealand Police Pipe Band on their band membership. Expectations set out are at the discretion of the New Zealand Police Pipe Band and its members.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right under Section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Fraser', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Superintendent Scott Fraser
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Royal New Zealand Police College