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Mark Hanna

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Dear Mr Hanna

As you know, we received your Official Information Act (OIA) request of 16 April 2018 seeking a range of detailed information about OIAs received by Police over the 2016/17 financial year.

Given the context of your request, with its different sub-elements, we have explored various options which might be available to us in order to provide as much insight as possible. However, as you may already be aware from the high-level data available from the websites of the State Services Commission (SSC) and Office of the Ombudsman (OOTO), Police fields in excess of 12,000 OIA requests each year. And while these requests are managed through a centralised database, the database does not allow Police to produce data at the level needed to be able to provide the granular statistics you have requested.

It follows that we must unfortunately decline your request, as allowed for by section 18(g) of the OIA, on the basis that the specific information you have requested is not held by Police.

Whilst it is regrettable, on this occasion, we have not been able to furnish you with the detailed information you have sought, we trust that this reply provides the context for that decision. You retain the right, of course, to complain to OOTO and seek an investigation and review of our decision, if you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police has responded to your request.

Respectfully

Jason Smith
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