

21 March 2013

Robert Patrick Junior Zimmerman fyi-request-777-09b93226@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Robert Patrick Junior Zimmerman

Your e mail dated 6 March 2013 to the Minister of Police has been referred to me for a direct response.

You have requested what are the restrictions on importation of firearms? The information requested is refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 as it is publicly available in the Arms Act 1983, the Arms Regulations 1992 and on www.police.govt.nz/service/firearms.

You have requested what are the guidelines for firearms? The information requested is refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 as it is publicly available in the Arms Act 1983, Arms regulations 1992 and is on www.police.govt.nz/service/firearms.

You have requested how do we know that all firearms are safe in New Zealand? Your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information does not exist or cannot be found.

You have requested what are the gun statistics in New Zealand and where do you find them? The information requested is refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 as it is publicly available in Police Annual Reports held on www.police.govt.nz, and by the Department of Statistics.

You have requested how many guns are sold in New Zealand each year? Your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information does not exist or cannot be found.

You have requested where do I go to get more gun information? Police are unable to respond to this request as the request is not specified with due particularity (section 12 (2) of the Official Information Act 1982 refers).

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request you are entitled to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of the decision.

Yours faithfully

Barry Vaylor Superintendent

National Manager Operations