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Dear Mr Hanna

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your email dated 11 July 2018 on Police use of Tasers and the Police policy around them. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982.

Your request has been separated in order for it to be responded to by the most appropriate work group within the Police. Question 4 will be responded by the Police Professional Conduct (PPC) Group. I am responding to questions 1 to 3 as specified in the following extract from your request.

"Please release the following information:

- 1. If the TASER (Electronic Control Devices) manual has been updated since v9.0 was released in January 2017, please release all subsequent versions of this document and the dates on which they came into effect.*
- 2. What system(s) does NZ Police use to monitor and investigate potential breaches of the TASER (Electronic Control Devices) manual or other misuses of a taser?*
- 3. When a breach of the TASER (Electronic Control Devices) manual or other misuse of a taser is identified, what actions may taken by NZ Police in response (e.g. verbal warning, additional training, termination of employment, prosecution)?"*

I have considered your request and my response is outlined below.

For your first query, I have attached with this letter the latest TASER (Electronic Control Devices) chapter, version 10, released on 26 October 2017.

Regarding question 2, the New Zealand Police have the Operational Advisory Committee that is chaired by the Assistant Commissioner: Response and Operations. This committee holds the national governance for the use of force (this includes TASER). There is also additional oversight from the following groups:

- Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA)
- Police Professional Conduct (PPC)
- TAF (Taser Assurance Forum)

In response to your third question, I have included the New Zealand Disciplinary Process guidelines, which should answer what actions may be taken by New Zealand Police in response to breaches of the TASER manual or other misuse of a TASER.

I hope this has been helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Scahill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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