



28 May 2019

P Kelly  
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Dear P Kelly,

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 12 February 2019, received by Police via email where you request "Please provide information about each time herbicides or other agents have been used to disrupt cannabis growing since 2017. This includes where another Government agency was involved but Police hold information about it.

Specific locations are not requested. Instead, for each occurrence, please provide the name of the agency with responsibility (e.g. NZ Police), the date, the chemical used, the quantity used, the approximate land area covered in m<sup>2</sup>, the territorial authority or other broad area indicator, and the basis of the legal authority for the action (e.g. warrant). If providing specific date information is operationally risky, it is OK to just provide the year.

*Police don't have any information regarding any other Government agency using herbicides or other agents to disrupt cannabis growing. Police do not keep information in detail about each time herbicides have been used to disrupt cannabis growing to the detail you have requested eg, date, quantity used and land area covered, therefore that part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) Official Information Act 1982 because the information does not exist.*

*In relation to the chemical used, Police use Agpro Biosafe, Agpro Glyphosate and Agpro Blue Dye.*

*The search powers used are those provided by the Search and Surveillance Act 2012 and are based on location type and what is found.*

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours Sincerely



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