

30 April 2019

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Dear Mr Ross Francis

I refer to your email dated 8 March 2019 which has been treated as an Official Information Act 1982 request. In your email you made the following requests for information.

1. *On the 16th April 2018, Detective Inspector David Kirby provided me with a copy of a police job sheet. Only one page was provided despite it comprising several pages. Please provide me all pages of the job sheet.*

The job sheet referred to was provided to you in response to your request for copies of records held in respect of communication between Police in Wellington and Police in Christchurch in relation to the Scott investigation. As explained to you in my letter of 16 April 2018, that part of the job sheet was the only part that was within the scope of your request as relating to communication between Wellington and Christchurch Police.

I advise that the extensive Scott investigation file is held by Archives New Zealand. I have been permitted to access the file three times now in order to respond to your requests. Archives New Zealand is no longer willing to release the file to Police; the chief Archivist has imposed a condition that, if not accessed at Archives NZ's reading room, it will be delivered to Police in digital format only but, due to Archives resource constraints, they would outsource and charge for this digitisation.

Your request for all the pages of the job sheet involves substantial collation or research so is therefore declined under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982.

2. *In a letter dated 2 February 1994, the then Detective Constable John Price advised Dr Karen Zelas that he and the Crown solicitor, Ken Stone, would be "travelling to Christchurch shortly to meet with you and others involved in the Civic Creche Case". This was in the context of the police investigation into Geoff Scott. On 4 March 1994, Wellington police travelled to Christchurch and met with Dr Zelas and, in possibly a separate meeting, met with Christchurch police who had been involved in the Peter Ellis case. Wellington police later met with Crown prosecutor Brent Stanaway on the same day. Please supply me with all information held about these meetings.*

I outlined to you in my letter dated 31 January 2019 that I could not find any documents on the file that related to these meetings and what was discussed. This is therefore declined under section 18(e) in that the document alleged to contain information either does not exist or despite reasonable efforts to locate it cannot be found.

3. *On 14 March 1994, Dr Zelas sent Mr Price a copy of a questionnaire for parents (whose children had attended the Wellington Hospital day care centre) about their children's "sexual behaviours". Please supply me with a copy of that questionnaire.*

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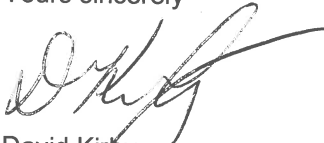
I also outlined to you in the same letter that I could not find any blank questionnaires. I have however copied one that had been used and redacted details that may identify the child concerned. Those redactions have been made to protect the privacy of the individual pursuant to section 9(2)(a).

4. *Have police lost or destroyed any records pertaining to the Geoff Scott case?*

There are no documents on the file that indicate that any records have been destroyed. I am advised by Police File Management Centre staff that any criminal investigation file is prepared for closing and filing by the removal of superfluous documentation such as duplicates and criminal history printouts from the Police NIA database. However, no document comprising a public record would be removed.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Kirby', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Kirby
Detective Inspector
Manager Adult Sexual Assault and Child Protection