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James de Vere

By email to: [Fyi-request-9909-a5f83da0@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:Fyi-request-9909-a5f83da0@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr de Vere

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST – OUR REFERENCE: IR-01-19-13193**

In July 2019, I wrote to you about a request you made for the following information:

*Please provide detailed information regarding any [Assistant Commissioner or higher] that are presently suspended, stood down or on other performance – or behaviour-related non-standard duty (eg special leave). I request the same details for any similar cases since 1 January 2017. I would like to know the Rank of the officers, what the matter is that they are (or were) being investigated for, and key dates including when the complaint(s) were received and when the officers ceased and recommenced their regular work routine. If any cases have been investigated and closed please advise how they were resolved.*

You subsequently made a complaint to the Ombudsman about Police's response and we have been liaising with the Office of the Ombudsman about it. As a result, I can confirm that Deputy Commissioner Wallace Haumaha was one of the officers referred to in my earlier letter. As you may already be aware, the Deputy Commissioner's appointment in May 2018 was subject to a Government Inquiry and the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) also carried out an investigation into allegations made against him. Detailed information about both inquiries is the public domain, and can be accessed from the following hyperlinks:

<https://www.ipca.govt.nz/Site/publications-and-media/2018-Reports-on-Investigations/2018-dec-20-complaints-wallace-haumaha.aspx>

<https://www.dia.govt.nz/Government-Inquiry-Into-the-Appointment-Process-for-a-Deputy-Commissioner-of-Police>

During both inquiries, the Deputy Commissioner was undertaking full duties, but was not routinely working from Police National Headquarters. In late December 2018, at the conclusion of the IPCA investigation, the Deputy Commissioner recommenced working full time from Police National Headquarters.

Respectfully

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General Manager

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