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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your email dated 11 December 2018. You said:

1. *What is the longest delay in the last year for processing a firearm import permit?*
2. *What is the longest delay in the last year for processing a firearm part import permit?*

Between 12 Dec 2017 and 11 Dec 2018, New Zealand Police finalised (refused or approved) 4,831 firearms import permits.

The average time for these was one day, with 94 percent of all firearms import permits (4,541) being finalised in one day.

The longest processing time for a firearm import permit that listed complete firearms was 269 days. The applicant for this permit was a visitor who made an application, but for reasons unknown did not arrive into the country until some time later.

The longest processing time for a firearm import permit that listed firearm parts was 214 days. The applicant did not supply requested information after multiple requests. During this waiting time, the applicant's licence had expired. The permit was not able to be processed until a new licence was issued.

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Yours sincerely



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