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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request received on 14 January 2019. You said:

1. *Would you please be able to provide the number of people that have successfully attained a firearms licence in the Ashburton District in 2018.*

Ashburton District is a territorial authority rather than a Police boundary zone and it is not possible for us to report on it at this point. In lieu of Ashburton District, territorial authority, I have used Ashburton, police station. The boundary of the Ashburton police station is available here - <http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/about-us/structure/districts/canterbury-map.png>

A standard firearms licence is issued for 10 years. If a person wishes to continue holding a firearms licence, they must make a new application. In 2018, there were 201 people currently residing within the Ashburton police station boundary and who were issued a firearms licence. Of these 201 people, 116 had held a firearms licence before and 85 were new applicants who had not previously held a firearms licence.

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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