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I am writing to you in response to your request received on 15 January 2019. You asked:

1. *The number of members of pistol clubs in Otago;*
2. *The number of members of pistol clubs in Southland;*
3. *A list of all pistol clubs in Otago and Southland, along with each of their most recent membership numbers;*
4. *The number of pistol club members in NZ as a whole;*

New Zealand Police does not have information about how many members of pistol clubs there are. This is information held by Pistol New Zealand. It is a requirement for a pistol endorsement that the person is an active member of a pistol club. However, a person can be a member of a pistol club without holding a pistol endorsement or even a firearms licence. The list of pistol clubs is available on the Pistol New Zealand website - <https://www.pistolnz.org.nz/otago.html> and <https://www.pistolnz.org.nz/southland.html>

In an effort to assist with your enquiries, I can provide the number of people who, as at 30 January 2019, hold a firearms licence with a current pistol endorsement. The numbers provided below are at least a subset of the pistol club membership numbers.

Otago and Southland are territorial authorities rather than Police boundaries. In lieu of territorial authorities, I have used Police Area boundaries for Otago Coastal, Otago Lakes, and Southland. The boundaries for these can be viewed here - <http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/about-us/structure/districts/southern-map.png>

Firearms licence holder current primary address area	Active firearms licence holders with active pistol endorsements
Otago Coastal Area	154
Southland Area	148

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Otago Lakes Central Area	61
Total	363

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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