

Our Reference: 16/7782/126

13 April 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 14 March 2018. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

- *How many of the 29 gang members with gun licenses noted in the law and order select committee report still have these?*
- *Also advise what date those who had them revoked lost them. By number so as to protect privacy.*
- *Have all their licenses been physically recovered? If not, how many are unaccounted for.*
- *Lastly, are Police aware of any crimes committed with the firearms they may have legally acquired?*

All 29 gang members mentioned in the Report of the Law and Order Committee "Inquiry into issues relating to the illegal possession of firearms in New Zealand" had their licence status reviewed between June 2016 and October 2017.

Following the results of the reviews taken since that time:

- One person is deceased
- People (members and prospects) still on the National Gang List
 - 3 people surrendered their licence
 - 5 people had their licence revoked – these were revoked between June 2016 and October 2017; all their licence cards were surrendered to Police
 - 5 people have a current firearms licence – all five people have been individually interviewed by Police in the past 24 months their firearms licence suitability remains under review; for the foreseeable future all will remain on the National Gang List.
- People no longer on the National Gang List (i.e. no longer considered a gang member or prospect)
 - 1 person surrendered their licence
 - 14 people have a current firearms licence – during the review there was no evidence or recent history that they remained a member or prospect.

Three of the 29 people were identified as offenders in firearms-related offences. One of them had no licence at the time of offence. The other two had a valid firearms licences at the time of offence.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have a right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

For your information, Police is developing a process for proactive release of information, so the response to your request may be publicly released.

Yours sincerely



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