

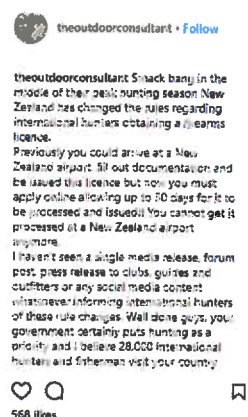
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Dear 

I am writing to you in response to your questions dated 2 May 2018. These were made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 in relation to an Instagram post shown below. You asked:

- How much has been spent to publicize this change?
- When was it spent?
- How was it spent?
- Why was the change instituted?
- What effort was made to notify clubs and companies involved?
- When did these efforts occur.
- Confirm the date of changes.



My response is as follows:

There have been no changes as suggested by this posting. The one month guidance is not new, it has always been part of the guidance provided in the firearms section of Police's website. It appears in this instance, the person who made the Instagram post has gone directly to the visitor application form and not accessed the guidance material available on the preceding page. To prevent any future confusion, as of 3 May 2018, the guidance material is now also repeated inside the visitor application form.

Given the above, your request for a response to your seven questions is refused in accordance with s18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982, as your questions are based on a change that has not in fact occurred.

I trust this response meets your concern but if you are not satisfied, 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 response.

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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