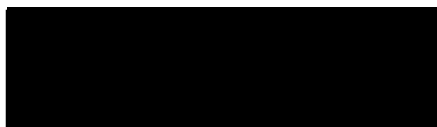


21 May 2018



Dear 

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 28 April 2018. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

- *Advise how many privately manufactured firearms have been encountered in the hands of criminals in New Zealand over the last ten years, by year.*
- *This includes any firearms incorporating production parts.*

My response is as follows.

Following a phone call on 14 May 2018, you clarified that this relates to both homemade firearms and assembled firearms from factory manufactured parts, by people with a criminal history.

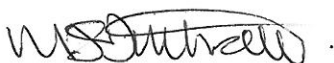
Such detailed description of firearms and their individual parts are not recorded centrally or electronically by Police. In order to answer these questions, Armoury staff would have to review all previously inspected firearms records, produced for court hearings or investigations. These records may be either in electronic or hard copy format, or both.

This request is refused under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. In deciding whether to refuse your request, I have considered whether fixing a charge or extending the time limit (or both) would enable the request to be granted and concluded that it would not.

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 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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