

28 November 2018

Our Reference: IR-01-18-12200

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request submitted 28 September 2018. You requested:

1. *The number of firearms seized nationally, each year for the past five years, broken down by firearm type.*
2. *The same figures as above, broken down to the Queenstown police station area.*

Provided below are the numbers of firearms seized from warrantless searches or searches under Sections 6 and 18 of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012, between 1 Jan 2014 and 31 Oct 2018, by firearm type, nationally.

Firearm Type - Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Airgun - handgun	68	70	61	71	55
Airgun - rifle	120	122	113	117	128
Handgun - pistol	48	43	78	69	66
Handgun - revolver	12	14	15	11	18
Imitation - handgun	18	29	24	20	26
Imitation - rifle	5	8	15	4	9
MSSA - Military Style Semi Automatic	29	28	54	30	32
Rifle - cut down	41	44	100	87	62
Rifle - full length	505	504	618	569	557
Shotgun - cut down	69	83	116	127	117
Shotgun - full length	276	236	273	248	238

Provided below are the numbers of firearms seized from warrantless searches or searches under Sections 6 and 18 of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012, between 1 Jan 2014 and 31 Oct 2018, by firearm type, within Queenstown Police Station boundary.

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Firearm Type - Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Airgun - handgun	0	0	0	0	1
Airgun - rifle	0	3	4	0	0
Handgun - pistol	0	0	0	0	0
Handgun - revolver	0	0	0	0	0
Imitation - handgun	0	0	0	0	0
Imitation - rifle	0	0	0	0	0
MSSA - Military Style Semi Automatic	0	0	0	1	0
Rifle - cut down	0	1	0	0	0
Rifle - full length	6	5	4	6	1
Shotgun - cut down	0	0	0	0	0
Shotgun - full length	4	1	2	3	0

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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