

21 May 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 29 March 2018. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

1. *Did police shoot the roof of the Blake Street range.*
2. *Was this the AOS?*
3. *Was this with an MP5?*
4. *Did this result in training no longer being conducted there?*

My response is as follows.

In an email on 14 May 2018, you confirmed that Blake Street Range refers to a former Defence Force Army Drill Hall located in Blake Street, Ponsonby, Auckland.

This building no longer exists and was pulled down around 1995 when the NZ Cadet Forces (Air Training Corps) relocated to Carrington in Pt Chevalier.

New Zealand Police electronic database of unintentional or unauthorised discharge of firearms was created in 2010. No electronic records therefore exist of any firearm discharges in 1995 or earlier.

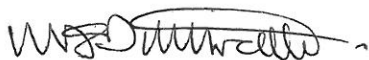
Any paper records would have been destroyed 10 years after the incident in accordance with the New Zealand Police Retention and Disposal Schedule.

Therefore, this request is refused under s18(g) of the Official Information Act as this information is not held.

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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