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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 5 November 2018, which Police received on 13 November 2018. You requested:

- *information held by New Zealand Police as to the present number of .410 shotguns and bore guns presently held in NZ*

I have interpreted "and bore guns" to mean "and .410 bore guns" as all guns have a bore, but .410 shotguns are often referred as .410 bore or .410 gauge.

It is not a requirement for firearms licence holders to register their firearms with Police, unless the firearms are pistols, MSSAs, or restricted weapons. Some licence holders maintain their firearms licence while not owning any firearms.

The only reason a .410 shotgun would be recorded in Police system is if it was reported stolen or was requested on an import or procure permit.

Police records show there have been 1,867 shotguns with 0.41 or 410 gauge calibre created in the police computer system, and 305 of them are currently possessed by firearms licence holders.

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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