

10 July 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to the email you sent when you received a response to your previous request dated 6 April 2018. Our reference for that request was IR-18-01-1598. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

1. *Did an arms officer discharge a firearm in the Manukau station by accident?*
2. *Did a projectile / projectiles exit a window?*
3. *Did a projectile / projectiles hit a sign outside?*
4. *What did the sign say?*
5. *What was the type of firearm involved?*
6. *Why was the firearm in police hands?*
7. *Was the projectile / projectiles recovered?*
8. *Police are insisting that E category arms are used ONLY for the 'special reason/s' put on the permit application form. Where in law does ownership of a MSSA require 'special reason' and.....where in law does it limit the use to only these specific special reasons?*

The questions 1-7 were refused as the information was not held or could not be found. Your email response has given me extra information, which enabled me to locate further details of this event. My answers to your questions are now as follows.

For your information, the reason this incident was not recorded in the electronic database of unintentional or unauthorised discharge of firearms was because the firearm that was discharged was not a police weapon.

1. *Did an arms officer discharge a firearm in the Manukau station by accident?*

Yes.

2. *Did a projectile / projectiles exit a window?*

Yes.

3. *Did a projectile / projectiles hit a sign outside?*

Yes.

4. *What did the sign say?*

"Prisoner Enquiries".

5. *What was the type of firearm involved?*

Single barrel cut-down shotgun.

6. *Why was the firearm in police hands?*

The firearm was located by a police officer on 3 May 2013 during a search of a vehicle under the powers of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012. The police officer delivered the shotgun in its case as

an exhibit to the Arms Office at Counties Manukau station to be stored in the designated firearms exhibit storage.


7. *Was the projectile / projectiles recovered?*

Yes.

8. *Where in law does ownership of a MSSA require 'special reason' and... ..where in law does it limit the use to only these specific special reasons?*

This was responded to previously in the OIA Request response IR-18-01-1598, which you received on 29 May 2018.

Yours sincerely



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