

Our Reference: IR-01-18-2702

2 July 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 5 June 2018. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

- *How much did you spend on all the bullet traps for the arms offices.*
- *How much was installation.*
- *Are you aware that officers don't use them because of their imbecilic location?*

Staff at local firearms licensing offices may order bullet traps, also known as firearms clearing stations, through the police purchasing catalogue. Some of these bullet traps were purchased a long time ago, while others are brand new. To identify the exact cost of all the bullet traps current or previous would require us to get receipts from each District over the years. The answer to this question is refused in accordance with section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Bullet traps do not incur a specific installation cost as they're portable and each district may elect to have them bolted to the floor or walls as they see necessary.

To help us answer this request, we have contacted all the firearms licensing offices to find out how many bullet traps they have in their vicinity. In some instances, the bullet traps are exactly at the firearms licensing office and sometimes they are at the watchhouse near which the firearms licensing office is located. Both of these locations are counted towards this response. In other instances, a bullet trap may be present elsewhere in the station for the general frontline staff use; this location is not counted towards answering your question of "bullet traps for the arms offices".

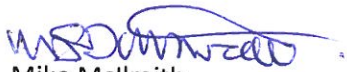
Based on the staff responses and the current catalogue price, the cost of all current bullet traps available for use by the firearms licensing offices is \$7,263.76.

We are not specifically aware that firearms officers do not use the bullet traps. The bullet traps are portable and the Districts have the autonomy to order as many bullet traps as required and to place them where they are needed.

I trust you are satisfied with my response to your request. If not, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review 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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