

27 July 2018



Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 15 April 2018. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

1. *I found a report on the number of homicides in New Zealand between 2007 and 2014, and I was wondering if there are any reports that go back further - I am trying to determine a trend of firearm homicides and would like to go back a little further than 2007.*
2. *I understand that NZ Customs has created a report on 3D printing and the threat that that poses, and I was wondering if NZ Police had anything similar.*

Your question 1 appears to refer to the report titled *Police Statistics on Homicide Victims in New Zealand 2007 - 2014 - A Summary of Statistics about Victims of Murder, Manslaughter, and Infanticide* published on the Police website in March 2017, specifically Table 2.5 - Weapon Type, on page 9 of that report.

Please note that the referenced report is specifically about the victims of murder and manslaughter and therefore does not provide a count of homicides themselves (eg, one homicide could have multiple victims).

The table below shows the number of recorded homicides in New Zealand, where the recorded weapon was a firearm, between 1994 and 2014. For the purposes of this response, homicide includes murder and manslaughter.

Offence Calendar Year	Homicide offences with a firearm
1994	7
1995	5
1996	3
1997	8
1998	3
1999	2
2000	4
2001	3
2002	7
2003	5
2004	2
2005	8
2006	6
2007	3

2008	4
2009	12
2010	8
2011	3
2012	4
2013	7
2014	5

New Zealand Police National Intelligence Centre has produced a report in 2013 about 3D printed firearms. It is attached to this letter. Some portions of this report were redacted in accordance with section 6(c) of the Official Information Act 1982.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request.

Yours sincerely



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