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Our Reference: IR-01-18-4898

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

- *For each of the last 10 years how many Northland people have applied for a firearms licence?*
- *For each of the last 10 years how many Northland people have been granted a firearms licence?*
- *For each of the last 10 years how many Northland people have had to hand in their firearms licence?*
- *For each of the last 10 years how many firearms have been seized by police?*

Shown below is the number of firearms licences by application year of each licence in the Northland Police District (based on current location). Please note that the same person may apply for a licence or different licence types on more than occasion, therefore the number of licences applied for is shown rather than the unique individuals. These figures are for all licences (standard, dealer, and visitor), and include those that are first time applications (ie, the person has not held a licence before) and those that are seeking a new application prior to an existing licence expiring. Because standard licences expire after 10 years, there can be peaks and troughs in application numbers as the licence holders apply for new licences prior to the existing one expiring.

Licence Application Year	Firearms licences applied for
2008	735
2009	1,195
2010	808
2011	664
2012	668
2013	950
2014	1,515
2015	2,174
2016	2,359

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2017	2,243
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Shown below is the number of firearms licences by application year of each licence in the Northland Police District that were granted. Note that a licence may have been granted, but later revoked or surrendered, therefore, the breakdown below is not necessarily the current status.

Licence Application Year	Firearms licences granted
2008	727
2009	1,182
2010	797
2011	659
2012	662
2013	947
2014	1,504
2015	2,165
2016	2,346
2017	2,229

I have interpreted your question of "how many people have had to hand in their firearms licence" to mean "how many firearms licences were revoked". This does not include surrendered firearms licences. As before, provided below is the number of revoked firearms licences in Northland Police District, rather than unique firearms licence holders. Note that the breakdown below is not necessarily the current status.

Licence Status Change Calendar Year	Licences revoked
2008	34
2009	15
2010	25
2011	21
2012	35
2013	42
2014	48
2015	52
2016	57

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The numbers below show the number of firearms seized from warrantless searches or searches under Sections 6 and 18 of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012. As your other questions refer to Northland, both Northland and total national numbers are provided.

Seizure Year	Northland	National
2008	52	589
2009	88	768
2010	98	1,682
2011	48	1,658
2012	101	1,791
2013	65	1,144
2014	91	1,168
2015	76	1,143
2016	77	1,429
2017	61	1,296

Yours sincerely



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