

20 August 2018

Our Reference: IR-01-18-4969

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

1. *How many firearms have police seized from LICENSED shooters - by year - in the last ten years*
2. *and how many were then later returned.*

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, where one of the people present during the search held a firearms licence. The way the search and seizure data is recorded does not allow for attribution of each specific firearm to each person present during the search.

Year of search and seizure	Firearms seized where one of the people had a firearms licence
2008	329
2009	425
2010	1,064
2011	924
2012	886
2013	423
2014	461
2015	334
2016	467
2017	425

The second part of your request is refused under 18(g) of the Official Information Act, as the requested information is not held. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision.

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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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