

15 June 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 28 April 2018. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

- *How many criminally modified - cut down - firearms have Police encountered in the hands of criminals over the last ten years - by year.*

Below is the number of seized firearms noted as being 'cut down' at the time of seizure. These figures represent firearms seized from warrantless searches or searches under Sections 6 and 18 of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012.

Year of seizure	Seized cut-down firearms
2008	22
2009	40
2010	54
2011	82
2012	80
2013	84
2014	110
2015	127
2016	216
2017	205

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