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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 9 April 2019. You asked:

- *How many firearms seizures did police make in 2017? How many people do the firearms seizures relate to?*
- *How many firearms seizures did police make in 2018? How many people do the firearms seizures relate to?*
- *How many firearms seizures did police make in 2019 – prior to March 19*
- *How many arrests were made in relation to the firearms seizures?*

*Where possible, could this information please be broken down by region and month.*

As you have asked about how many people the seizures relate to, I have interpreted your request for firearms seizures to mean the instances of seizure rather than the number of firearms. Where Police seized firearms under section 6 or 18 of the Search and Surveillance Act, there were 742 such instances in 2017 calendar year, 870 in 2018 calendar year, and between 1 Jan and 18 Mar 2019, there were 192 such instances.

The number of seizures and how many people it involved, by Police District, and by month is included in the attached Excel file.

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Yours sincerely



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	2017												2018												2019		
District	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar to 18 Mar
Northland																											
Instances of firearm seizure	3	7		1	3	3	1	2	4		2	6	4	4	6	6	5	2		1	4	2	6	3	5	3	4
People involved in firearm seizure	4	9		1	4	5	1	4	5		2	5	4	5	6	8	5	2		0	5	2	10	4	9	6	4
Waitemata																											
Instances of firearm seizure	9	3	10	4	7	3	5	5	3	4	1	3	3	7	11	3	6	4	2	6	3	15	12	9		7	4
People involved in firearm seizure	16	3	14	8	9	4	13	9	3	5	1	3	3	7	16	2	6	5	4	10	4	22	13	9		18	9
Auckland City																											
Instances of firearm seizure	1		1	1		4		1	2	4	2	3	6	3	6	7	3	2	4	2	6	1	7	7	2	5	3
People involved in firearm seizure	2		1	1		3		1	3	5	4	3	6	3	9	9	3	2	4	2	7	3	12	9	2	5	7
Counties/Manukau																											
Instances of firearm seizure	3	6	3	6	5	7	6	9	4	4	4	8	5	2	10	3	3	8	10	6	6	6	13	13	9	6	8
People involved in firearm seizure	5	7	7	9	7	9	9	10	7	7	6	8	5	2	11	4	6	8	14	6	5	7	17	16	18	6	12
Waikato																											
Instances of firearm seizure	3	5	1	3	7	11	3	6	6	2	6	4	10	9	5	3	7	4	7	9	6	7	2	4	3	8	6
People involved in firearm seizure	4	9	1	4	8	14	3	7	8	1	7	8	14	9	5	6	7	7	7	11	6	9	2	7	3	14	6
Bay of Plenty																											
Instances of firearm seizure	5	6	3	6	2	10	5	7	12	13	11	13	10	3	11	8	5	6	4	4	8	7	3	7		8	4
People involved in firearm seizure	6	6	3	9	1	11	6	12	15	14	15	19	15	3	10	8	5	9	5	4	7	8	6	8		8	5
Eastern																											
Instances of firearm seizure	9	7	6	4	3	4	5	10	14	8	11	8	5	7	13	4	6	10	5	14	8	7	9	9	10	18	7
People involved in firearm seizure	14	10	6	4	3	5	8	16	15	9	15	9	6	8	16	3	9	12	5	18	12	8	9	12	9	16	6
Central																											
Instances of firearm seizure	8	3	11	4	10	7	7	4	4	6	2	7	5	10	6	2	10	2	5	2	3	10	11	8	6	4	5
People involved in firearm seizure	8	3	13	5	10	9	10	5	4	7	3	9	7	10	8	5	15	2	4	1	5	13	12	9	7	6	5
Wellington																											
Instances of firearm seizure	4	1	5	8	3	6	7	4	6	5	2	2	3	5	3	5	5	7	5	5	1	8	5	3	5	4	
People involved in firearm seizure	5	1	7	14	5	10	10	4	6	7	2	4	5	10	4	5	5	8	3	7	2	11	7	2	7	5	
Tasman																											
Instances of firearm seizure	2	1	3	2	4	2	2	3	6	7	3		5	5	2	3	2		3	2	2	3	4	8	3	5	
People involved in firearm seizure	2	1	5	5	3	3	3	3	7	7	3		6	11	2	4	4		3	3	3	3	5	14	4	5	
Canterbury																											
Instances of firearm seizure	8	10	4	7	7	14	18	9	16	14	8	10	9	10	3	12	13	9	12	9	10	8	5	7	14	4	9
People involved in firearm seizure	8	18	5	7	7	19	28	12	23	24	10	18	10	10	4	14	15	16	14	15	15	9	5	10	17	8	13
Southern																											
Instances of firearm seizure	4	1	3	5	6	1	4	3	5	5	4	3	6	5	10	13	6	12	4	4	9	8	3	6	3	7	3
People involved in firearm seizure	5	1	3	10	7	1	6	4	7	5	4	3	5	7	11	16	8	17	4	2	9	8	4	7	4	8	3
Total Instances of firearm seizure	59	50	50	51	57	72	63	63	82	72	56	67	71	70	86	69	71	66	61	64	66	82	80	84	60	79	53
Total People involved in firearm seizure	79	68	65	77	64	93	97	87	103	91	72	89	86	85	102	84	88	88	67	79	80	103	102	107	80	105	70