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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 14 May 2019. You asked:

How many firearms offences were police called to in the month before and after the Christchurch terror attack?

How many firearms offences were police called to from February 14 to March 14 2019?

How many firearms offences were police called to from March 16 to April 16 2019?

Please break down by region.

Please include how many incidents resulted in charges.

Provided in the table below are all firearms-related offences (such as homicide with a firearm, robbery with a firearm) and all Arms Act 1983 offences (such as unlawful possession of a firearm or sale of a firearm without a licence).

The count provided below is of occurrences, regardless of how many firearms-related offences each had – for example a robbery with a firearm and unlawful possession of a firearm could be recorded on the same occurrence, this would be two offences even though one occurrence took place (the table below would show 1 in this example).

The table shows number of occurrence by scene district as well as the number of those occurrences that had at least one prosecution charge for the firearms-related offences. Some offences are still being investigated and therefore do not yet have charges, while others had alternative resolutions (for example, a referral to Te Pae Oranga or a warning).

	14 Feb – 14 Mar 2019		16 Mar – 16 Apr 2019	
	Occurrences with firearms-related offences	These occurrences that had at least one prosecution charge	Occurrences with firearms-related offences	These occurrences that had at least one prosecution charge
Northland	10	4	14	5
Waitematā	9	7	22	12
Auckland City	15	8	18	5

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Counties Manukau	40	19	48	21
Waikato	23	14	35	17
Bay of Plenty	34	18	24	18
Eastern	25	18	25	14
Central	27	13	29	16
Wellington	23	14	25	17
Tasman	14	5	22	10
Canterbury	33	17	52	36
Southern	14	7	21	9
Total	270	144	321	180

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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