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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 22 July 2019. You asked:

How many gun license holders have been convicted of a firearm crime in the last ten years?

How many in the last five years of their ten year license – during this same period.

I have assumed that by 'firearm crime' you refer to offences involving a firearm in the Crimes Act as well as any Arms Act offences.

Between 10 October 2009 and 9 October 2019, 590 people have been convicted of a Crimes Act offence involving a firearm or an Arms Act offence where they'd held an active firearms licence at the time of the offence. Additionally, 684 people were convicted of a firearms-related offence where they'd held a firearms licence but it was not active at the time of the offence in the given 10 year period.

Of the 590 people, 231 were convicted of a firearms-related offence 6-10 years after their most recent licence issue date.

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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