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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 17 March 2019. You said:

I am interested in information regarding the success rate of applications for firearm licences, and for firearm licence endorsements.

Please release the following information for the years 2015-2019, broken down by year, by police district, and by successful and failed applications:

1. *The number of applications for each type of firearm licence...*
 - a. *where the applicant has not previously held this type of licence.*
 - b. *where the applicant has previously held this type of licence (i.e. applying for a renewal, or their licence had expired).*
2. *The number of applications for each type of firearm licence endorsement....*
 - a. *where the applicant has not previously held this type of licence endorsement.*
 - b. *where the applicant has previously held this type of licence endorsement (i.e. applying for a renewal, or their licence had expired).*

Please also explain any relevant caveats that should be kept in mind when analysing this information.

I understand that some applications (particularly those made in 2019) may not yet have been fully completed, and therefore would not qualify as either successful or as failed. If the number of these applications is easy to include, I would be happy for it to be included. However, if it makes this request easier to process, I would also be happy for these applications to be excluded.

Please provide this information in a machine-readable spreadsheet format, such as CSV or XLSX.

If any part of my request is unclear, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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If any of the information that I have requested is unavailable or would be difficult to retrieve, but similar information might be readily available, I would be happy to discuss altering or refining my request.

The number of firearms licences, dealer licences, and visitor licences processed by New Zealand Police, by Police District where the licence holder currently resides, by licence type, and by year of application (1 Jan 2015 - 16 May 2019), is provided in the Excel file attached with this response. The licences have been granted, refused, or other. 'Other' can be licences that are still being processed, licences that were surrendered before the application was finalised, or licences that were cancelled. Please note that this is not the current status of the licences – some may have been granted, but later revoked, surrendered, or cancelled. Visitor licences do not get renewed, so are marked as N/A in that column.

The number of endorsements processed by New Zealand Police, by Police District where the licence holder currently resides, by endorsement type, and by year of application (1 Jan 2015 - 16 May 2019), is provided in the Excel file attached with this response. The endorsements have been granted, refused, or other. 'Other' can be endorsements that are still being processed, endorsements that were surrendered before the application was finalised, or endorsements on licences that were cancelled. Please note that this is not the current status of the endorsements – some may have been granted, but later revoked, surrendered, or cancelled. Only visitor and standard licences can have endorsements. All E endorsements were revoked on 12 April 2019 by new legislation.

The Police District of each licence holder is based on the address that the firearms licence holder has provided as their home address. There are some instances where the address is not directly geocoded to a District and these are shown as Not Geocoded. Police still have the address of each individual, but it would require substantial collation to attribute each one to a District. This Not Geocoded number also includes any individuals who are currently overseas but maintain their New Zealand firearms licence.

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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		A-Standard	A-Standard	D-Dealer	D-Dealer	V-Visitor	A-Standard	A-Standard	D-Dealer	A-Standard	A-Standard	D-Dealer	D-Dealer	V-Visitor
		First licence application	Has held a licence previously	First licence application	Has held a licence previously	N/A	First licence application	Has held a licence previously	First licence application	First licence application	Has held a licence previously	First licence application	Has held a licence previously	N/A
District	Year of Application	Granted	Granted	Granted	Granted	Granted	Refused	Refused	Refused	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other
NORTHLAND	2015	413	1,777		2	4	8			2	25			
NORTHLAND	2016	443	1,897			3	11	2		1	24		1	
NORTHLAND	2017	407	1,721		3	1	8	5		1	24			
NORTHLAND	2018	487	1,135		14	3	22	4		63	39			
NORTHLAND	2019	20	262		3		4			108	91		2	
WAITEMATA	2015	623	1,641		7	1	8	6		3	26		7	
WAITEMATA	2016	624	1,714				9	4		2	19		1	2
WAITEMATA	2017	612	1,658		5		11	2		2	18	1	1	2
WAITEMATA	2018	476	952		27	1	8	2		130	9	1		2
WAITEMATA	2019	36	201	2	5			1		210	49		1	
AUCKLAND CITY	2015	237	593		1		4	2		1	4	1	1	
AUCKLAND CITY	2016	262	630		4	1	4	1			2			
AUCKLAND CITY	2017	280	595		4	2	4			4	15			1
AUCKLAND CITY	2018	232	449	2	18		6			63	8			3
AUCKLAND CITY	2019	19	127	1	5	1	1			91	36		4	1
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2015	550	1,290	1	1		8	2		2	4			1
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2016	496	1,424	1	4	11	4	6		1	3			
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2017	513	1,617		1	4	9	2			5			
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2018	422	810	4	21	4	7	1		104	5			
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2019	58	185	1	7			1		143	42		1	
WAIKATO	2015	663	3,214		3	6	24	5		2	5			2
WAIKATO	2016	688	3,115		1	2	22	6		3	10			
WAIKATO	2017	629	3,030		1	8	9	3		9	10			2
WAIKATO	2018	682	1,597	1	12	3	18	4	1	146	22		1	1
WAIKATO	2019	30	370	1	6		1			172	208	1	1	
BAY OF PLENTY	2015	842	3,351			7	11	9		1	19			
BAY OF PLENTY	2016	907	3,465	1	2	24	33	4		2	13	1		11
BAY OF PLENTY	2017	897	3,538	1	2	9	13	4		1	9			3
BAY OF PLENTY	2018	844	1,656	2	22	3	8	2		96	10			2
BAY OF PLENTY	2019	86	556		10					166	98	2	1	
EASTERN	2015	489	2,088			1	7	3			14			1
EASTERN	2016	487	2,282			3	5	2			22		1	3
EASTERN	2017	496	1,911			3	5	1		1	43			14
EASTERN	2018	481	1,070	1	8	2	7	4		57	29	1	2	1
EASTERN	2019	52	277	1	3		2			145	150		1	
CENTRAL	2015	936	3,652		5	8	11	8		3	12			6
CENTRAL	2016	970	3,923	1	3	13	27	7			47			5
CENTRAL	2017	904	3,641	3	3	11	17	3		2	83		1	27
CENTRAL	2018	826	1,619	2	20	8	12			139	48			4
CENTRAL	2019	48	400	1	8	1				210	107		2	
WELLINGTON	2015	601	2,191		4	15	6			3	5		2	23
WELLINGTON	2016	593	2,191		2	15	2	2		3	10			57
WELLINGTON	2017	538	2,081	2	1	40	6	3		5	7			58
WELLINGTON	2018	520	890	1	18	15	4	5		79	8	1		11
WELLINGTON	2019	86	339	1	9					118	46		5	
TASMAN	2015	519	2,659		2	12	10	3			3	1		5
TASMAN	2016	559	2,946	2	1	9	12	8			3			3
TASMAN	2017	514	2,986	1	5	21	10	7		3	4		1	9
TASMAN	2018	515	1,092	5	22	10	2	3		91	21	1	1	2
TASMAN	2019	30	183		7	3				133	115	1		
CANTERBURY	2015	1,301	4,827	1	3	9	19	9		9	42			1
CANTERBURY	2016	1,273	5,402	1	3	16	19	17		11	79			1
CANTERBURY	2017	1,236	5,383	2	1	10	23	23		8	120	2	1	8
CANTERBURY	2018	1,212	1,990	5	27	7	11	3		139	72			6
CANTERBURY	2019	160	440		7	16	2			230	236	1	1	2
SOUTHERN	2015	1,044	4,452		1	12	30	15		2	34	1		7
SOUTHERN	2016	1,094	5,443	1	3	15	40	7		7	9			11
SOUTHERN	2017	964	4,694		1	13	23	10		6	16			10
SOUTHERN	2018	903	2,011	5	19	14	22	9		142	27			7
SOUTHERN	2019	57	344		5	10	3	2		259	357			2
Not Geocoded	2015	28	560	2	7	152	1	4		1	29		4	8
Not Geocoded	2016	26	612		12	271		5		3	33		3	28
Not Geocoded	2017	22	622		7	739	1	2		4	23		1	61
Not Geocoded	2018	95	269	5	95	1,556	1	5		8	24		2	48
Not Geocoded	2019	5	32		25	943				7	22	1	14	2
Total		33,062	120,072	61	528	4,071	615	248	1	3,357	2,752	17	64	464

		'B' Pistol Club	'B' Pistol Club	'C' Collector	'C' Collector	'E' Military Style/Semi Automatic	'E' Military Style/Semi Automatic	'F' Dealer Restricted	'F' Dealer Restricted	'B' Pistol Club	'B' Pistol Club	'C' Collector	'C' Collector	'E' Military Style/Semi Automatic	'E' Military Style/Semi Automatic	'B' Pistol Club	'B' Pistol Club	'C' Collector	'C' Collector	'E' Military Style/Semi Automatic	'E' Military Style/Semi Automatic	'F' Dealer Restricted	'F' Dealer Restricted
		First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously	First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously	First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously	First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously	First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously	First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously	First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously	First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously	First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously	First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously	First endorsement application	Has held endorsement previously
District	Year of Application	Granted	Granted	Granted	Granted	Granted	Granted	Granted	Granted	Refused	Refused	Refused	Refused	Refused	Refused	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other
NORTHLAND	2015	8	16	9	31	7	38		4											3	1		
NORTHLAND	2016	8	27	13	34	9	48				1										1		
NORTHLAND	2017	14	27	13	33	13	53		1				1		1					3			
NORTHLAND	2018	18	30	9	23	12	34		1							1		1		1	1		
NORTHLAND	2019	7	7	5	10	4	9	1	2						1	1		1	1	1	1		
WAITEMATA	2015	35	31	19	27	22	23	1	6						1		2			28	40		
WAITEMATA	2016	24	23	14	28	20	40	3	9				1							15	23		
WAITEMATA	2017	17	42	13	44	38	49	4	5								1			3	15		
WAITEMATA	2018	37	28	16	20	38	27	3	6								1		1	4	32		
WAITEMATA	2019	15	7	2	3	6	10		1					9	1	6	1	7	2	4	3		
AUCKLAND CITY	2015	20	20	10	18	17	30	4	7								1		3	4	3		
AUCKLAND CITY	2016	11	15	11	16	16	25	1	5										3		4	1	
AUCKLAND CITY	2017	14	19	5	13	17	25	2	4														
AUCKLAND CITY	2018	16	19	6	13	12	21	3	1														
AUCKLAND CITY	2019	2	9		2	7	1								2		1		1		4		
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2015	38	20	8	21	20	35	3	7							1	1		1	3	1		
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2016	33	22	6	21	34	33	2	8				1				2		1	10	5		1
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2017	25	40	15	23	31	53	2	1												1		
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2018	38	23	13	13	41	27	5	7					1				1	1				
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	2019	9	6	4	5	2	8		2					4	3	7				1	1	1	1
WAIKATO	2015	27	37	8	23	17	51	5	2											4	5		
WAIKATO	2016	45	28	12	24	37	30	3	3										4	5	6		
WAIKATO	2017	29	28	8	15	29	11	5	3				2							2	19		
WAIKATO	2018	50	27	9	19	46	12	2	2					1						4	21		
WAIKATO	2019	4	11	1	9	2	3	1						4	3	5			4		10		
BAY OF PLENTY	2015	20	26	13	22	29	49	2	4								2		1	2	12		
BAY OF PLENTY	2016	46	38	12	21	49	54	4	1		1		1		2		1	1	1	1	20		
BAY OF PLENTY	2017	31	36	8	19	29	47	1	6					1			1			1	23		
BAY OF PLENTY	2018	45	16	12	17	40	23	6	4							1	1	1		3	15		
BAY OF PLENTY	2019	9	11	1	5	5	17		1					5	1	3		3	1	1	8		
EASTERN	2015	11	21	6	19	9	28	1	4											1			
EASTERN	2016	9	22	5	22	10	32		1										1		3		1
EASTERN	2017	7	24	8	29	19	35	1	2												7		
EASTERN	2018	16	6	7	12	16	18	2	3								1	1	2		6		
EASTERN	2019		2		2		1	3	1					4	2	3	4		1		1		
CENTRAL	2015	26	32	17	39	27	62	3	8										2		6		
CENTRAL	2016	26	50	16	53	30	71		5								6	2		1	4		1
CENTRAL	2017	36	37	22	42	39	68	5	4					1		4		2	2	1	3	2	
CENTRAL	2018	26	20	15	21	22	36	2	3					4		1		1		3	3		
CENTRAL	2019	1	11	1	6		11							2	1		1	1	1		2		
WELLINGTON	2015	20	29	17	36	31	48	7	10					1					1		3	1	
WELLINGTON	2016	19	42	14	36	27	50	12	8					1			2			1	3		
WELLINGTON	2017	23	36	12	37	25	49	6	5										1		4		1
WELLINGTON	2018	17	17	11	21	21	29	8	3				1				1			2	2		
WELLINGTON	2019	8	11		3	4	13	1						2	3	1	1	1	1		1		
TASMAN	2015	12	13	5	12	15	42	1	1								1		1		4		
TASMAN	2016	9	27	6	22	12	52	7	4											1	11		
TASMAN	2017	14	21	13	31	14	55	7	2					1						2	2		
TASMAN	2018	15	22	9	16	27	28	3	3						1			1		2	3		
TASMAN	2019	2	2		1	3	2		1					1					1				
CANTERBURY	2015	54	43	19	44	46	66	2	7							1	3		2	2	22		
CANTERBURY	2016	47	66	18	49	40	66	2	12								2		2	8	21		
CANTERBURY	2017	41	52	8	33	40	54	5	7				2	1	1	1	1		1	4	18	1	
CANTERBURY	2018	49	28	22	21	52	25	3	3					1	1	2			2	13		1	
CANTERBURY	2019	9	4		4	1	3	1	1					4	5	3	3	2	1		1	1	
SOUTHERN	2015	17	29	16	35	22	80	2	3										1	1			
SOUTHERN	2016	26	45	21	38	27	87		2						1				2		4		
SOUTHERN	2017	31	37	15	29	39	75	1	4	1		1		1	1					1	1		
SOUTHERN	2018	39	27	22	22	47	37	7	3					1		1		2		1	3		
SOUTHERN	2019	2	7		4		2		1					4	12	6	2	5	5	1	2		
Not Geocoded	2015	4	5	4	6	4	9		1								1				1		
Not Geocoded	2016	113	4		4	1	6										12	1		4	4		
Not Geocoded	2017	62	16	2	5	9	9	1	1								9			10	3		
Not Geocoded	2018	94	3	1	1	6	3		1					1			3			4	1		
Not Geocoded	2019	11				5								1		1							
Total		1,591	1,500	607	1,327	1,332	2,144	157	217	1	2	1	9	56	42	79	41	31	49	157	442	5	6