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Dear ██████████

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 18 March 2019. You asked:

- *The number of people who have applied for a E endorsement on their firearms licence, and how many people have surrendered firearms (including how many of these were MSSAs) since Friday's terror attacks in Christchurch*

Between 16 March and 2 May 2019, there have been 45 applications for E endorsements. This includes those endorsements where a person applied before a previous licence was going to expire and those where a person had never held that endorsement previously. All E endorsements were revoked on 12 April 2019.

Between 16 March and 2 May 2019, there have been 404 firearms surrendered to Police by 277 people. Of these 404 firearms, 56 were recorded as MSSA. This number will not be completely accurate in light of the following factors:

- Not all surrendered firearms have been assessed by an Arms Officer before information provided by the person surrendering the firearms was entered.
- The definition of MSSA changed by Order in Council during this period.

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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