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Dear ██████████

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

- *Are you able to tell me how many semi-automatic weapons have been given to the police since the shooting on Friday?*
- *Could you break that down into how many each day?*
- *In addition to how many have been handed in, are you able to tell me how many people have handed semi-automatic weapons in?*
- *Also, how of any sort of guns in, including semi-automatics, have been handed in since Friday?*

As at 2 May, Police has physically received 404 surrendered firearms, average of about nine firearms per day on the days when any firearms were surrendered.

Police does not record action type of a firearm in structured fields (eg, semi-automatic, bolt action), so how many of them were semi-automatic cannot be answered without reviewing each record. There have been 56 surrendered firearms that were entered 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.

These have been surrendered at a rate of three firearms per day on the days when any were surrendered. These 56 firearms were handed in by 44 people.

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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