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Our Reference: IR-01-19-8110

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

I would be most grateful if you could provide me with the number of women who have been issued with a firearms licences for each of the past five years. For context, please also provide me with the total granted in each of the years.

The number of standard firearms licences issued to women between 1 Jan 2014 and 31 Dec 2018 is provided below, along with the total number of licences issued in the same period. These include those licence holders who had never held a firearms licence before as well as those that had applied after their previous licence was due to expire.

Year Issued	Licences issued to women	Total licences issued
2014	1,997	29,068
2015	2,518	39,865
2016	2,775	42,266
2017	2,755	42,019
2018	2,354	24,601
Total	12,399	177,819

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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