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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 2 April 2019. You asked:

- *How many guns were handed in on average before the Christchurch attacks?
Either average monthly or weekly figures for the last 6 months?*

Between 15 Sep 2018 and 14 Mar 2019, 194 firearms were surrendered to Police (some of these have since been destroyed). This does not include firearms that were given to Police for temporary reasons. This was an average of about seven firearms per week or 27 firearms per month during this time, based on the days when any firearms were surrendered.

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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