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14 September 2022

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### ***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 25 July 2022. You wrote:

*In December 2019, I requested data on:*

- how many police officers had been shot, shot at, presented with a gun, and/or found a gun on duty.*
- How many times have police officers: shot an offender, fired at an offender, fired a gun, presented a gun, and/or armed themselves during a job.*

*The request was reference number IR-01-19-34321, and I've attached a copy for ease of finding it.*

*Could I please get the same data that was provided in that OIA request, updated to include 2020, 2021, and the first six months of 2022?*

The responses to your questions are provided below in the same format as provided previously in response IR-01-19-34321.

*Table 1. Police officers shot, assault police with firearm offence occurrence, and seized firearms (calendar years 2015 – 2022).*

| Year | Officers shot by offenders | Occurrences with assault police with a firearm offence | Firearms seized under s6 or s18 of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012 |
|------|----------------------------|--|---|
| 2015 | 0                          | 13   | 1,181   |
| 2016 | 4                          | 12   | 1,467   |
| 2017 | 1                          | 12   | 1,353   |
| 2018 | 0                          | 11   | 1,626   |
| 2019 | 0                          | 13   | 1,790   |
| 2020 | 2                          | 13   | 1,896   |

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| 2021                | 4  | 21 | 1,656  |
| 1 Jan – 30 Jun 2022 | 0  | 3  | 705    |
| Total               | 11 | 98 | 11,674 |

Column “Occurrences with assault police with a firearm offence” in the above table refers to instances where Police recorded an offence of using a firearm against law enforcement officer, using a firearm to resist arrest, or assault police with a firearm. One occurrence may have multiple offences, victims, and offenders.

*Table 2. Firearms presentations and discharges by police, 2015 – 2022.*

| Year                | Firearm discharges at subjects |                | Other operational firearms discharges |           |                         | Presentation |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|
|                     | Subject shot                   | Missed subject | Not at subject                        | At animal | Unintentional discharge |              |
| 2015                | 6                              | 0              | 0                                     | 69        | 3                       | 364          |
| 2016                | 4                              | 1              | 0                                     | 93        | 0                       | 456          |
| 2017                | 6                              | 2              | 2                                     | 84        | 0                       | 247          |
| 2018                | 3                              | 1              | 3                                     | 72        | 1                       | 311          |
| 2019                | 6                              | 1              | 1                                     | 75        | 1                       | 343          |
| 2020                | 4                              | 1              | 0                                     | 74        | 0                       | 388          |
| 2021                | 6                              | 1              | 2                                     | 67        | 4                       | *            |
| 1 Jan – 30 Jun 2022 | 4                              | 0              | 2                                     | 31        | 1                       | 391          |
| Total               | 39                             | 7              | 10                                    | 565       | 10                      |              |

\*Firearm presentations data from 2021 Tactical Options reports is currently being quality-checked, coded, and analysed for the 2021 Tactical Options Annual Report due to be released later this year, and is not provided here under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA.

2022 values comprise data from 1 January to 30 June 2022 only. Data is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Police has a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/firearms-information-responses>

Yours sincerely



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