

15 July 2022

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***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 25 May 2022, that was transferred to New Zealand Police from the Office of the Minister of Police. You wrote:

*For a some time now I have been saying that we have had more shootings and stabbings than NZ would have seen in the past 40 years. It seems to me that it now is quite possible that in this year 2022 alone we might have have more shootings than the last 2 year total*

*My request is for some one to tell me just how many shootings there has been this past 2 years of 2021 and 2022 to date. And how many of these incidents have been cleared*

*I believe that most of these shootings will have been recorded by our Police, so it should be a very simple exercise to request a spread sheet showing daily shootings, and get a reply within minutes of making such a request.*

*I well know it will not make good reading but some where soon some one is going to have to get serious about these random shootings, which seems to be already nearly double figures in the last 3 days.*

*If an ordinary citizen were to be on the loose doing such random shooting it would be seen as chaos and also probably be reported in world headlines.*

*Somewhere some one is going to have to come out and call this for what it really is and clean it up, and soon would be good. It is only a little over a year until our next election*

*I await to see if anyone is going to reply*

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When an event takes place (known as an occurrence), it may have multiple offences attributed to it (eg, assault and theft).

Police considers firearms-related offences to be any offences in the Arms Act 1983 or any other offences that specify a firearm was involved (eg, homicide with a firearm).

However, as you specified "shootings", I have limited this response to only offences that specify a firearm was involved and a selection of Arms Act 1983 offences that pertain to a firearm being present (eg, present a firearm at a person). This does not necessarily mean the firearm was discharged during each occurrence or that someone was injured. Some of these certainly involve discharge of a firearm (such as murder with a firearm, discharge of a firearm, wound with a firearm), but for others it's not definite (such as, burglary with a firearm or behave threateningly with a firearm).

Table 1 shows the number of such offences that happened between 1 January 2021 and 7 July 2022, and number of the same offences where an offender has been identified as at 7 July 2022. The provided data represents recorded offences, not people, charges, or convictions. An offence may be recorded, and an offender identified, but not charged, or charged and later acquitted, or the charge withdrawn. Not all offences have an identified offender as they may still be under investigation, or an offender was not identified. The table below shows further information for the offences where no offender was identified.

*Table 1. Offences with a firearm between 1 January 2021 and 7 July 2022, by month.*

Offence Month	Offences with a firearm	Status of the offences with a firearm as at 7 July 2022					
		No further line of enquiry	Offender identified	Police discretion	Victim Uncooperative/ Unavailable	Witness Uncooperative/ Unavailable	Under investigation
January 2021	261	61	141	27	14	1	17
February 2021	201	66	93	18	10	1	13
March 2021	205	70	91	19	11	1	13
April 2021	210	63	90	28	8	2	19
May 2021	261	65	133	27	15		21
June 2021	201	58	95	21	11	1	15
July 2021	238	68	108	22	16	1	23
August 2021	170	68	65	19	5		13
September 2021	151	56	63	13	7		12
October 2021	231	66	101	27	14		23
November 2021	243	72	102	31	9		29
December 2021	265	65	123	33	12		32
Total for 2021	2,637	778	1,205	285	132	7	230
January 2022	228	71	87	23	16		31
February 2022	201	65	84	18	9	1	24
March 2022	247	75	93	20	13		46

April 2022	201	38	99	15	3		46
May 2022	288	62	105	21	6	1	93
June 2022	173	24	53	9	3		84
July 2022 to 7th	31	1	9		1		20
Total for 2022	1,369	336	530	106	51	2	344
Total	4,006	1,114	1,735	391	183	9	574

The descriptions of the offences included in this response are appended at the end of this letter in Table 2.

Previous OIA responses about firearms-related offences have been published on the Police website:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/4-sep-2018-ir-01-18-10187.pdf>

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/ir-01-20-3835.pdf>

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/ir-01-21-24724.pdf>

You may be interested in firearms-related data that Police publishes quarterly:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/firearms-data>

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



**Superintendent Dave Greig**  
Director Capability

Table 2. Offences with a firearm included in the scope of this response.

Offences with a firearm
1111 - MURDERS (FIREARM)
1121 - ATTEMPTS TO MURDER (FIREARM)
1131 - MANSLAUGHTER (FIREARM; LEGAL DUTY)
1311 - AGGRAVATED ROBBERY (CAUSE GBH) FIREARM
1314 - AGGRAVATED ROBBERY (FIREARM)
1331 - ASSAULTS WITH INTENT TO ROB (FIREARM)
1411 - WOUNDS INTENT TO GBH (FIREARM)
1414 - WOUNDS ETC. INTENT TO INJURE/RECKLESS DISREGARD (FIREARM)
1421 - INJURES INTENT TO GBH (FIREARM)
1424 - INJURES INTENT TO INJURE/RECKLESS DISREGARD (FIREARM)
1431 - AGGRAVATED WOUNDING (FIREARM)
1451 - DANGEROUS ACT INTENT TO GBH (FIREARM)
1454 - DANGEROUS ACT INTENT TO INJURE (FIREARM)
1481 - USE FIREARM AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
1482 - USE FIREARM TO RESIST ARREST/DETENTION
1483 - COMMISSION OF CRIME WITH FIREARM
1491 - ASSAULT PERSON WITH FIREARM OR AIRGUN
1511 - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT (FIREARM)
1521 - ASSAULTS WITH INTENT TO INJURE (FIREARM)
1541 - MALE ASSAULTS FEMALE (FIREARM)
1581 - COM ASSLT(DOMESTIC)CR ACT(FIREARM)
1591 - COMMON ASSAULT (CRIMES ACT) FIREARM
1641 - COMMON ASSAULT (DOMESTIC) (FIREARM)
1651 - COMMON ASSAULT (FIREARM)
1711 - THREATENS TO KILL/DO GBH (FIREARM)
1721 - THREATEN PERSON (CRIMES ACT)-FIREARM
1725 - THREATEN PROPERTY (CR ACT)-FIREARM
1731 - BEHAVE THREATENINGLY (FIREARM)
1755 - POSSESS OFFENSIVE WEAPON (FIREARM)
1781 - UNLAWFUL INTIMIDATION/THREATS (FIREARM)
4136 - ARMED WITH INTENT TO COMMIT BURGLARY (FIREARM)
4155 - COMMITTING BURGLARY WITH A WEAPON (FIREARM)
4157 - REMAINED AFTER BURGLARY (FIREARM)
6853 - INTOXICATED IN CHARGE OF FIREARM/RESTRICTED WEAPON ETC
6854 - DISCHARGES FIREARM IN/NEAR/PLACE/DWELLING
6855 - USES/DISCHARGES/CARRY OTHER FIREARM TYPE
6857 - UNLAWFULLY CARRY/POSSESS FIREARM/AMMUNITION/EXPLOSIVES PUBLIC PLACE
6861 - PRESENT FIREARM/RESTRICTED WEAPON AT PERSON
6863 - C/USE FIREARM CAUSE DEATH/BODILY INJURY
6865 - RECKLESS DISCHARGE FIREARM/RESTRICTED WEAPON
6866 - USES RESTRICTED WEAPON/AIRGUN ETC TO PREVENT/RESIST ARREST
6867 - POSSESS FIREARM/AMM/EXPLO COMMITS OTHER OFFENCE
6961 - PRESENT PROHIBITED FIREARM AT PERSON
6962 - PRESENT THING LIKELY TO BE BELIEVED TO BE PROHIBITED FIREARM AT PERSON
6964 - POSSESS PROHIBITED FIREARM COMMITS OTHER OFFENCE