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Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 30 June 2022. You wrote:

Can I please get a breakdown of all illegal firearms and accessories seized since May 1st 2021? (after the conclusion of the second buy-back scheme)

In particular, I'm after the number of MSSA's, and other accessories such as high capacity magazines that were the target of the buy-back schemes in the wake of the Christchurch shootings.

For clarity, in New Zealand, people get firearms licences and endorsements on those licences to hold certain types of firearms, such as pistols or prohibited firearms. The firearms themselves do not have a legal status other than some firearms are now prohibited. What you refer to as MSSAs are now included in the definition of prohibited firearms.

Between 1 May 2021 and 6 July 2022, Police seized 18 prohibited magazines and 44 prohibited firearms under section s6 or s18 of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012.

Please be aware that 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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