



23 March 2022

Email:

Tēnā koe

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

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 6 March 2022. You asked:

*How many unique (i.e. from different individual applicants) applications for Farmer P Endorsements have been received since the start of 2020?*

As per the previous response (IR-01-21-35920), there are seven types of P endorsements (P refers to prohibited firearms). When a person applies for a pest control endorsement, they need to specify the grounds for such an endorsement. These grounds are recorded as Business, Farmer, or Forestry (including being an employee of such). The grounds category applies to pest control endorsements only.

Note that the grounds category of Farmer was introduced via section 4A(1)(j) of the Arms Act 1983 in June 2020. Prior to this, there was a number of farmers that created pest control companies specifically to enable them to apply for the endorsement, but their grounds would not have been recorded as Farmer.

Where the grounds were recorded as Farmer or Farmer Employee, and the application date was between 1 January 2020 and 6 March 2022, Police received applications for pest controller endorsements from 21 people.

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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