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***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 19 March 2024. Your questions are listed below followed by an answer for each.

*The number of service station related crimes recorded for each of the months between January 2024 and March 2024, broken down by major centres (eg. Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty)*

For the data used in response to your request, the nature of the offence is described using the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC)<sup>1</sup>.

In the Official Police Statistics, this information is collated using victimisations reported in Recorded Crime Victims Statistics (RCVS)<sup>2</sup>. A victimisation counts each occasion of a person or organisation being victimised within an ANZSOC Division.

This information is only available up to February 2024, with data for March being available at the end of April 2024.

Table 1 shows the number of reported victimisations in service station locations by Police District. The data provided is based on the state of the Police investigation as at seven days after being reported to Police and excludes reports already resolved as 'No Crime'.

Victimisations are classified according to the most serious offence within an ANZSOC Division.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/classifications/australian-and-new-zealand-standard-offence-classification-anzsoc/2011>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/data-and-statistics-user-guides>

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Table 1. Reported victimisation in service station locations by Police District.

Police District	January 2024	February 2024
Northland	118	108
Waitemata	307	283
Auckland City	191	192
Counties Manukau	405	358
Waikato	350	255
Bay of Plenty	380	305
Central	249	162
Eastern	105	80
Wellington	258	272
Tasman	47	44
Canterbury	412	441
Southern	92	65
Total	2,914	2,565

*The average number of offenders per incident across all service station related incidents between January 2024 and March 2024*

Police does not directly record the number of offenders involved in committing an offence, but rather the number of offenders proceeded against. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held.

*The age range of offenders for the service station related incidents between January 2024 and March 2024*

Table 2 shows the number of proceedings against offenders for the victimisations reported in Table 1, by age group. Please note that an offender may be involved in more than one of the above service station victimisations reported to Police.

Table 2. Proceedings against offenders by age group.

Age group	January 2024	February 2024
Under 14 years old	3	4
Aged 14-17 years	38	8
Aged 18 and older	281	127
Total	322	139

Please note that the number of proceedings in recent months is provisional, and especially in February in this data as it is likely to increase as Police continues to investigate, identify, locate suspects, and initiate proceedings.

*The number of people arrested for all service station related incidents between January 2024 and March 2024, and out of those, how many are repeat offenders*

I have interpreted your interest in arrests as proceedings against offenders. An offender may be arrested and not proceeded against, and conversely it is possible for some

offenders to be proceeded against without being arrested (ie, via summons). The number of proceedings has been detailed above in Table 2.

Table 3 shows the same proceedings as those in Table 2 by how many times an offender was proceeded against in the year ending the reporting month for crimes committed in service station locations. To be considered a repeat offender, the person must have had two or more proceedings in that 12-month period.

*Table 3. Proceedings against offenders by proceeding instances over the 12-month period.*

	Year ending January 2024	Year ending February 2024
Proceeded once	147	57
Proceeded more than once	175	82
Total	322	139

*The number of retail staff who suffered injuries in relation to all service station related incidents between January 2024 and March 2024*

Police does not record the occupation of victims. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information requested is not held. Note the types of victimisations detailed in Table 4 below may involve members of staff or the public.

*A breakdown for types of offence for all service station related incidents between January 2024 and March 2024 , eg. assault, aggravated robbery, assault involving a weapon*

Table 4 shows the same victimisations as those in Table 1, by offence group.

*Table 4. Reported victimisation in service station locations by offence group.*

Offence group	January 2024	February 2024
Serious Assault Resulting in Injury	1	2
Serious Assault Not Resulting in Injury	9	4
Common Assault	11	11
Aggravated Sexual Assault	1	0
Aggravated Robbery	20	12
Non-Aggravated Robbery	1	0
Unlawful Entry with Intent/Burglary, Break and Enter	24	27
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	0	2
Illegal Use of a Motor Vehicle	24	24
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Contents	13	15
Theft From a Person (Excluding by Force)	2	0
Theft From Retail Premises	200	191
Theft (Except Motor Vehicles)*	2,607	2,282
Total	2,914	2,565

\*Note, this offence group consists almost entirely of people driving off without paying for the petrol.

Data in this response 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.

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