

17 May 2022

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Dear 

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 15 February 2022, in which you requested the following:

This OIA request is regarding the police operational orders for the current parliamentary protests occurring in Wellington.

- 1. Please provide the current police operational orders for the parliamentary protests occurring in Wellington that began on the 7th Feb 2022, - also if the police operational orders have been changed, please provide all alternate versions.*
- 2. Please provide all emails between Andrew Coster, current NZ police commissioner and Jacinda Ardern, current NZ PM and Trevor Mallard, speaker of the house(parliament).*
- 3. Can NZ police confirm that Andrew Coster is related to Jacinda Ardern - i.e. they are cousins.*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and I can now provide the following response.

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA's website¹ and you will note this scope includes operational execution and decision-making, command and control, and communications at local and national government levels.

Whilst this Review is underway, information relating to the issues under investigation and review is expected to be the subject of examination by the IPCA under its powers of investigation under the IPCA Act 1988. With this Review commenced, there is a strong public interest in allowing these matters to be considered in the round by the IPCA.

We consider that the following information requested tends to go to the heart of the matters that are under investigation and review by the IPCA:

- 1. Please provide the current police operational orders for the parliamentary protests occurring in Wellington that began on the 7th Feb 2022, - also if the police operational orders have been changed, please provide all alternate versions.*

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2. Please provide all emails between Andrew Coster, current NZ police commissioner and Jacinda Ardern, current NZ PM and Trevor Mallard, speaker of the house(parliament).

Where such information is available, it is withheld in reliance upon section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA. It is in the public interest for the Review to be completed without earlier predetermination of the matters it is considering.

We envisage relevant information will be released following the conclusion of the IPCA's Review.

We consider the following information can be made available and is released as indicated following:

3. Can NZ police confirm that Andrew Coster is related to Jacinda Ardern - i.e. they are cousins.

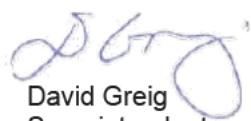
Andrew Coster and Jacinda Ardern are not related.

Police recognise the importance of transparency in these matters and look forward to the release of the IPCA's report, at which time more detailed information regarding the Police response to the Protest is likely to be publicly available.

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Nāku noa, nā



David Greig
Superintendent
New Zealand Police

17 May 2022

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Dear s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 15 February 2022, in which you requested the following:

- 1. All communications between Speaker of the House Trevor Mallard and Police (at any and all levels of the organisation) regarding the anti-mandate protests, between 5/2/2022 and 15/2/2022*
- 2. All communications between the office of the Speaker of the House Trevor Mallard and Police (at any and all levels of the organisation) regarding the anti-mandate protests, between 5/2/2022 and 15/2/2022*
- 3. All communications between any members of Parliamentary Services and Police (at any and all levels of the organisation) regarding the anti-mandate protests, between 5/2/2022 and 15/2/2022*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and I can now provide the following response.

Your requests for “all communications” “at any and all levels of the organisation” could not be provided without substantial collation and research and is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA. We invite you to consider whether you wish to refine your request.

However, please note that the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA’s website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police engagement at local and national government levels.

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We consider that the information you have requested tends to go to the heart of the matters that are under investigation and review by the IPCA. Where such information is available, it is withheld in reliance upon section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA. It is in the public interest for the Review to be completed without earlier predetermination of the matters it is considering.

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IR-01-22-4282

17 May 2022

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Dear s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 16 February 2022 to the Commissioner of Police, in which you requested the following:

...Please also urgently provide copies of all communications between yourself or any other representatives of the NZ Police internally and/ or with and the Prime Minister, Trevor Mallard and any of their representative about government requests to police and/ or police strategies for this protest.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and I can now provide the following response.

Your request for “all communications” could not be provided without substantial collation and research and is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA. We invite you to consider whether you wish to refine your request.

However, please note that the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA’s website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police engagement at local and national government levels, and Police decision-making and operational execution.

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We consider that the information you have requested tends to go to the heart of the matters that are under investigation and review by the IPCA. Where such information is available, it is withheld in reliance upon section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA. It is in the public interest for the Review to be completed without earlier predetermination of the matters it is considering.

We envisage relevant information will be released following the conclusion of the IPCA’s Review.

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19 May 2022

s.9(2)(a) OIA
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Dear s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 16 February 2022, in which you requested the following:

- 1. All communications in relation to monitoring the protest in both the week ahead of the protest (Jan 31 to Feb 7), and during the protest (arriving and beginning at Parliament Feb 8)*
- 2. All security advice given to politicians and parliamentary staffers in both the week ahead of the protest (Jan 31 to Feb 7), and during the protest (arriving and beginning at Parliament Feb 8)*
- 3. All communications regarding the towing of protesters vehicles blocking the streets around parliament.*
- 4. All communications with the Speaker of the House Trevor Mallard in both the week ahead of the protest (Jan 31 to Feb 7), and during the protest (arriving and beginning at Parliament Feb 8)*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA's website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police management of intelligence, Police engagement at local and national government levels, operational execution, including tactics used.

Whilst this Review is underway, information relating to the issues under investigation and review is expected to be the subject of examination by the IPCA under its powers of investigation under the IPCA Act 1988. With this Review commenced, there is a strong public interest in allowing these matters to be considered in the round by the IPCA.

In the meantime, my response to each to each part of your request can be found below.

- 2. All security advice given to politicians and parliamentary staffers in both the week ahead of the protest (Jan 31 to Feb 7), and during the protest (arriving and beginning at Parliament Feb 8)*
- 3. All communications regarding the towing of protesters vehicles blocking the streets around parliament.*

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We consider that the information you have requested tends to go to the heart of the matters that are under investigation and review by the IPCA. Where such information is available, it is withheld in reliance upon section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA. It is in the public interest for the Review to be completed without earlier predetermination of the matters it is considering.

1. All communications in relation to monitoring the protest in both the week ahead of the protest (Jan 31 to Feb 7), and during the protest (arriving and beginning at Parliament Feb 8)

This part of your request cannot be met without substantial collation and research and is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA. We invite you to consider whether you wish to refine your request. However, as any such information may also tend to go to the heart of the matters under investigation and review by the IPCA, the considerations above would likely apply.

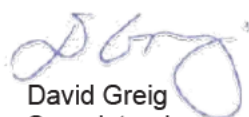
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The IPCA anticipates the Review will be completed and reported on by 31 March 2023. Police recognise the importance of transparency in these matters and look forward to the release of the IPCA's report, at which time more detailed information regarding the Police response to the Protest is likely to be publicly available.

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Superintendent
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IR-01-22-4614

19 May 2022

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Dear s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 18 February 2022, in which you requested the following:

Can I please have a copy of any and all intelligence reports and risk assessments prepared by Police in relation to the New Zealand Convoy 2022 protest between January 22 2022 and February 18 2022.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and I can now provide the following response.

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA's website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police management of intelligence.

Whilst this Review is underway, information relating to the issues under investigation and review is expected to be the subject of examination by the IPCA under its powers of investigation under the IPCA Act 1988. With this Review commenced, there is a strong public interest in allowing these matters to be considered in the round by the IPCA.

We consider that the information requested tends to go to the heart of the matters that are under investigation and review by the IPCA. Where such information is available, it is withheld in reliance upon section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA. It is in the public interest for the Review to be completed without earlier predetermination of the matters it is considering.

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New Zealand Police

IR-01-22-4735

19 May 2022

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Dear s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 21 February 2022, in which you requested the following:

May I please get any and all correspondence between police and the office of the speaker of the house Trevor Mallard, as well as Trevor Mallard personally, regarding the protest and occupation of Parliament grounds and the use of music and the sprinkler as well as any other methods to dispel protestors. Can this please include any and all emails, briefing documents, memos and all correspondence including text messages

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and I can now provide the following response.

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA's website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police engagement at local and national government levels with those holding decision rights and responsibilities, including public and private sector actors.

Whilst this Review is underway, information relating to the issues under investigation and review is expected to be the subject of examination by the IPCA under its powers of investigation under the IPCA Act 1988. With this Review commenced, there is a strong public interest in allowing these matters to be considered in the round by the IPCA.

We consider that the information you have requested tends to go to the heart of the matters that are under investigation and review by the IPCA. Your request is therefore refused in reliance upon section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA. It is in the public interest for the Review to be completed without earlier predetermination of the matters it is considering.

We envisage relevant information will be released following the conclusion of the IPCA's Review.

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David Greig
Superintendent
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IR-01-22-4792

19 May 2022

s.9(2)(a) OIA

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Dear s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 21 February 2022, in which you requested the following:

all communication between police and NZDF between February 1 and today relating to the anti-mandate protest at Parliament.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and I can now provide the following response.

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA's website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police engagement with local and national agencies where Police and those agencies needed to work together to develop and execute operational plans.

Whilst this Review is underway, information relating to the issues under investigation and review is expected to be the subject of examination by the IPCA under its powers of investigation under the IPCA Act 1988. With this Review commenced, there is a strong public interest in allowing these matters to be considered in the round by the IPCA.

We consider that the information requested tends to go to the heart of the matters that are under investigation and review by the IPCA. Where such information is available, it is withheld in reliance upon section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA. It is in the public interest for the Review to be completed without earlier predetermination of the matters it is considering.

We envisage relevant information will be released following the conclusion of the IPCA's Review.

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IR-01-22-4974

18 May 2022

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Dear s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 22 February 2022, in which you requested the following:

Any record of meetings or other communication between the police staff and Parliament protest leaders, between February 8 and February 22, 2022. Please provide a list of the names of the people at each meeting, and the time and date of each meeting.

Any record of the outcome of meetings as per the above, including meeting minutes, reports, or briefings, produced after meetings.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and I can now provide the following response.

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA's website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police engagement with iwi, protesters, local businesses, the Courts and other stakeholders.

Whilst this Review is underway, information relating to the issues under investigation and review is expected to be the subject of examination by the IPCA under its powers of investigation under the IPCA Act 1988. With this Review commenced, there is a strong public interest in allowing these matters to be considered in the round by the IPCA.

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IR-01-22-5531

17 May 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 28 February 2022, in which you requested the following:

- 1. Any correspondence to and from Andrew Coster, Richard Chambers and Corrie Parnell about the convoy protest in Wellington.*
- 2. All briefings and reports regarding the protest.*

On 29 March 2022 you clarified that you were specifically interested in briefings and reports that focus on strategies or tactics that might be used to bring the protest to an end.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and I can now provide the following response.

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA's website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police planning and preparation, Police management of intelligence, decision-making processes, and operational execution.

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IR-01-22-5866 and IR-01-22-5878

17 May 2022

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Dear s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your requests of 2 March 2022, in which you requested the following:

IR-01-22-5866 –

1. *Any advice, communication, and intel provided to Wellington District Commander Corrie Parnell in regard to the Convoy 2022 event, including briefings, memos, emails, and planning documents prior to February 15.*

IR-01-22-5878 –

2. *Any record of meetings, notes/minutes of discussions meetings, communications, emails and all other correspondence between police and the leaders of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul in regards to the occupation/Convoy 2022.*

Your request has been considered in line with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and I can now provide the following response.

Your request for “any advice, communication, and intel” could not be provided without substantial collation and research and is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA. We invite you to consider whether you wish to refine your request.

However, please note that the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA’s website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police management of intelligence, Police planning and preparation, command and control, and decision-making processes. It also includes Police engagement with iwi, protesters, local businesses, the Courts and other stakeholders.

Whilst this Review is underway, information relating to the issues under investigation and review is expected to be the subject of examination by the IPCA under its powers of investigation under the IPCA Act 1988. With this Review commenced, there is a strong public interest in allowing these matters to be considered in the round by the IPCA.

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IR-01-22-6222

16 May 2022

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Tēnā koe s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 4 March 2022, in which you asked for information relating to communications or interactions between Police and Antifa. You requested the following:

We would like to know if there have been any communication or interaction with any individual(s) or group(s) that identify as or belong to antifa?

If so - Please send through dates and details of those interaction(s). I am happy for redaction to protect the privacy of individuals.

Following a request for clarification sent to you on 15 March 2022, you confirmed the date period for your request was 1 February 2022 – 4 March 2022.

Police has not identified any communication or interaction with any individual or group identifying as or belonging to Antifa during the period in question. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

Police holds no information supporting the presence of Antifa at the protest.

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

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Whilst this Review is underway, information relating to the issues under investigation and review is expected to be the subject of examination by the IPCA under its powers of investigation under the IPCA Act 1988. With this Review commenced, there is a strong public interest in allowing these matters to be considered in the round by the IPCA.

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The IPCA anticipates the Review will be completed and reported on by 31 March 2023. Police recognise the importance of transparency in these matters and look forward to the release of the IPCA's report, at which time more detailed information regarding the Police response to the Protest is likely to be publicly available.

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You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



David Greig
Superintendent
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13 May 2022

s.9(2)(a) OIA
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Tēnā koe s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 6 March 2022, in which you asked for information regarding the presence of Antifa or other known violent protest groups at the protest on Parliament grounds. You requested the following:

Please provide any information regarding the presence of ANTIFA or other known violent protest groups at the "Anti-Mandate Protest" on Parliament grounds during February 2022.

Your request has been refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as Police holds no information supporting the presence of Antifa or other known violent protest groups at the protest.

As you may be aware, the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has commenced an independent investigation and review (Review) of the policing of the occupation on and around Parliament grounds in Wellington during February and March 2022 (Protest).

Details of the scope of the Review are available on the IPCA's website¹ and you will note this scope includes Police management of intelligence.

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18 May 2022

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Tēnā koe s.9(2)(a) OIA**Request for information**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 15 March 2022, in which you asked for:

- *Any reports or results relating to testing undertaken to determine the nature of a substance thrown at police during the Wellington occupation on 22/02/22*
- *Details about what materials (e.g. clothing) were tested as part of the process and how many substance samples were created for testing*
- *Details about what the testing process involved, including the type and number of tests performed by each of the two labs*
- *Any statements made by the officers hospitalised as a result of the incident which may have been used to help identify the substance*

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In the meantime, I can confirm that on 22 February 2022, three officers involved in policing the Parliament protest activity on Molesworth Street were treated at the scene by paramedics and later in hospital after a liquid substance that caused a burning sensation was thrown at them.

The officers' Glo Vests were taken and sent for analysis. Two separate labs analysed material, with the preliminary results showing no positive results for any form of chemical substance that is hazardous to health. I have attached the final reports Police received. Please note some information has been withheld from these reports in order to protect privacy, pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

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At the scene, all members were heavily washed down with a water and baking soda solution which likely washed away any evidence or form of a chemical substance.

With regards to the last part of your request, on 23 February 2022 there was an informal debrief completed with the Policing Support Unit who worked that day, which included two of the officers who had a substance sprayed at them. The officers had this to say:

"[Officer 1] has been exposed to OC spray on many previous occasions but states that this felt different, not the same as OC spray. [Officer 2] is not familiar so offers no opinion."

I have removed the names of the officers pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect their privacy.

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David Greig
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ESR Reference: 22ESR02046

Enquiries to: s9(2)(a)

17 March 2022

Johnsonville Police Station

Attention: Acting Detective Senior Sergeant Richard Orr, ROF950@police.govt.nz

Case name: Protest acid throwing
Client reference: 220222/6235

Please find enclosed my statement relating to the above case. A statement detailing some of the chemical analyses performed in this case has been forwarded previously. An additional statement detailing the remainder of that work will be forwarded in due course.

Please read the footnote to this letter in relation to the disposal of exhibits and samples. The vest will be returned by courier at the completion of the case.

If you have any further queries please contact me on the above number.

s9(2)(a)

Case Manager
Wellington Forensic Service Centre

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ESR EXHIBIT RETENTION AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

- Any reference bodily samples submitted to ESR will be dealt with according to agreed Police/ESR policy and in compliance with the Criminal Investigations (Bodily Samples) Act 1995.
- Due to the nature of some submitted exhibits these may be consumed during analysis. Other submitted exhibits will be returned, except for illicit drugs and biological exhibits. (Biological exhibits may include medical examination kits, toxicology exhibits, and exhibits submitted for DNA profiling). Land Transport Act exhibits will be destroyed 1 year from receipt date. Toxicology exhibits will be destroyed or returned upon authorisation from the Coroner. Illicit drugs will be destroyed 3 months from report date unless an authorised request is received to return the exhibits.
- Sub exhibits derived from submitted exhibits will be retained, except for illicit drugs, reference bodily samples and toxicology exhibits. The length of time they are retained follows Public Records Act guidelines for the retention of case files.

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Formal Written Statement

s9(2)(a) states:

My full name is s9(2)(a) I am a forensic scientist employed by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research Limited, (ESR), situated at Kenepuru Drive, Porirua.

I hold a Master's degree in Chemistry from s9(2)(a) I am a Chartered Chemist of the Royal Society of Chemistry and a Chartered Scientist of the Science Council. I have worked as a forensic scientist since joining the Wellington Forensic Service Centre of ESR in s9(2)(a) My duties as a forensic scientist include the type carried out in this case.

ESR is a Crown Research Institute and its functions include the provision of independent forensic testing and advice. The ESR forensic laboratories are accredited to an international standard in the field of Forensic Science Testing.¹

Exhibit Receipt

I am the ESR Case Owner for this case. The ESR Custody Record to date for this case is available on request.

Laboratory records show that on 22 February 2022, a Police high-vis vest, item 15001, was received at the Wellington Forensic Service Centre of ESR for examination.

Examinations, Results and Opinions

The results and conclusions provided in this statement form my expert opinion, which is based on my scientific knowledge, experience and training. The results apply to the item as received and relate only to the item tested.

The vest appeared in reasonable condition. No burn damage or fabric discolouration consistent in appearance with chemical damage was observed on the vest.

The front of the vest was screened using pH strips, which can indicate the presence of an acid or a base. The pH of the top of the vest was measured at approximately 9 – 10. I understand that the

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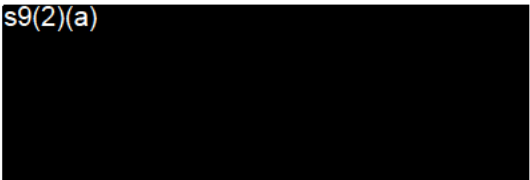
affected Police officers were decontaminated with a solution of sodium bicarbonate. The measured pH is consistent with this decontamination procedure. The lower half of the vest was measured at approximately 7 – 8, which is neutral.

The reflective strip across the right side of the shoulder and chest was swabbed, and three samples of fabric cut out from across the upper front of the vest. These four samples and additional control samples were transferred to the Forensic Toxicology laboratory of ESR in Porirua for analysis.

The vest was then forwarded to the Physical Evidence laboratory of ESR in Auckland for further sampling and analysis.

I confirm the truth and accuracy of this statement. I make this statement with the knowledge that it is to be used in court proceedings. I am aware that it is an offence to make a statement that is known by me to be false or intended by me to mislead.

s9(2)(a)



17 March 2022

ESR Reference: 22ESR02046

Enquiries to: s9(2)(a)

28 February 2022

Johnsonville Police Station

Attention: Detective Sergeant Richard Orr, ROF950@police.govt.nz

Case name: Protest acid throwing
Client reference: 220222/6235

Please find enclosed my statement relating to the above case.

Please read the footnote to this letter in relation to the disposal of exhibits and samples. Any remaining exhibits will be returned by courier at the completion of the case.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on the above number.

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Formal Written Statement

s9(2)(a) states:

My full name is s9(2)(a) I have the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry from s9(2)
s9(2)(a) I am employed at the Mount Albert Science Centre of ESR.

I have been employed by ESR to carry out the analysis of items of forensic interest since s9(2)
During this time, I have had specialist training and experience in determining the chemical composition of substances. I have passed practical and theoretical examinations on this subject and regularly undertake quality assurance trials in the interpretation and reporting of this type of forensic evidence.

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The ESR Custody Record to date for this case is available on request from the ESR case owner s9(2)
s9(2)(a)

Examinations, Results and Opinions

The results and conclusions provided in this statement form my expert opinion, which is based on my scientific knowledge, experience and training. The results apply to the item as received and relate only to the item tested.

Laboratory records show that a Police high vis vest (item 1LNQ9RN) was received in relation to this case. This vest had previously been examined by the ESR laboratory in Wellington. I was informed that it was alleged that a liquid had been sprayed on to the person wearing this vest and paramedics subsequently applied a baking soda solution to the person.

I was asked to examine the vest to determine whether or not any foreign substance was present. I was assisted in this examination by my colleague s9(2)(a) who has carried out the analyses. I have interpreted the results produced.

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No areas of chemical damage were visible on the vest.

A piece of fabric from the back of the vest was removed. A solution of hydrochloric acid was added to the fabric to determine whether the acid would cause any damage to the fabric. A slight discoloration of the fabric was observed, however the fabric remained intact and no other damage was visible after three days.

Pieces of fabric from the right and left side of the neck were removed. A control sample from the lower back was also removed. These pieces of fabric were extracted with ethanol and these extracts were analysed by GC-MS (gas chromatography – mass spectrometry).

Homosalate, octocrylene and 2-ethylhexyl salicylate were detected on the pieces of fabric from the sides of the neck. These three compounds are all sunscreen ingredients. The identification of these compounds is tentative as the relevant standards were not available.

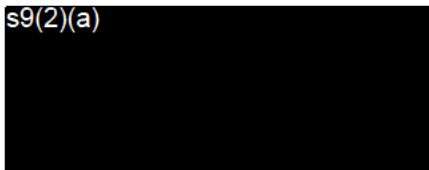
The pieces of fabric were also extracted with water. The pH of the water extracts was determined using universal indicator strips and was determined to be approximately 10, indicating these water extracts were basic. The extracts were also tested with chloride test strips. The extracts were evaporated to dryness and the residues were analysed by FTIR (Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy) to determine their chemical compositions.

The results from these tests showed that the water extracts from the pieces of fabric from the sides of the neck and the control sample from the back each contained a carbonate compound. Chloride was not detected. In my opinion, this carbonate compound could have come from the baking soda solution used by the paramedics.

In summary, the compounds detected on the vest are likely to have come from sunscreen and from the baking soda solution.

I confirm the truth and accuracy of this statement. I make this statement with the knowledge that it is to be used in court proceedings. I am aware that it is an offence to make a statement that is known by me to be false or intended by me to mislead.

s9(2)(a)



28 February 2022