

8 June 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 4 March 2022, in which you requested the following:

During the protest at Parliament (between Tuesday, February 8 and Thursday, March 4):

- 1. How many police staff in total attended the protest? How many were available for other call-outs in the Wellington region? Was there ever a time where all officers available/present in the Wellington region were deployed to Parliament? If so, when?*
- 2. What was the average time to attend an unrelated call-out in the Wellington region?*
- 3. While the protest was in the Wellington region, was there any increase in criminal activity? If so, what type and by how much did this increase?*
- 4. What was the average time to triage and log a call on 111 or 105 in the Wellington region?*

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 planning and preparation, and operational execution.

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

In the meantime, please see below the responses to your questions:

- 1. How many police staff in total attended the protest? How many were available for other call-outs in the Wellington region? Was there ever a time where all officers available/present in the Wellington region were deployed to Parliament? If so, when?*

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Please see below information about the number of staff deployed and which Districts staff were deployed from.

District	Total contribution of staff
Northland	79
Tamaki Makaurau	417
Waikato	133
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Central	201
Wellington	392 (plus 115 in non-frontline roles)
Tasman	52
Canterbury	219
Southern	171
RNZPC	57
PNHQ	136
Emergency Resource Request team*	143
Total	2194 (2309)

* Please note the Emergency Resource Request team included staff who were on training courses, instructors, dog handlers and 50 officers from Central District.

During the Protest, the Wellington District was able to maintain normal operational levels for business-as-usual activity by ring-fencing its District Command Centre, Public Safety Team, Road Policing Team, Airport, Maritime, Dog section, Crime Squad and an Armed Offenders squad capability for routine policing activity. These groups were available at all times for other policing activity/call-outs.

To support the operational response to the Protest and enable this ring-fencing of resources, Wellington District utilised staff from its other business groups, such as its Prevention staff, Public Safety Units and Armed Offenders members, and relied on the resources made available from other policing districts, Police National Headquarters, and the Royal New Zealand Police College.

Advising you of the specific number of Police that were available for other policing activity in Wellington at any given time across the entire period you have identified would require substantial collation and is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA. However, we can confirm that Wellington District has in excess of 800 sworn officers who operate in shifts 24/7.

2. What was the average time to attend an unrelated call-out in the Wellington region?

It is not possible to categorise call-outs by whether or not they relate to protest activity. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(g) as the information is not held by Police.

3. While the protest was in the Wellington region, was there any increase in criminal activity? If so, what type and by how much did this increase?

Police proactively releases statistics to the public, which are updated monthly. This information is available online at policedata.nz. The 'Demand and Activity' report will be the most relevant. This information can be localised to Wellington City and can be broken down by month so you can compare levels of crime related demand across different periods.

Your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) as the information is already publicly available.

4. What was the average time to triage and log a call on 111 or 105 in the Wellington region?

I have interpreted the request to be for the average time taken for a 111 or 105 call to be answered and for an event and /or event code to be entered.

There are two systems used to manage 111 calls. The telephony system holds information on how many calls were presented and how long they waited before being answered, and a separate event system holds how many events were entered for dispatch and how long it took Police to arrive, among other measures. While it is possible to determine the length of time taken to answer a call and enter an event for individual cases, these would have to be manually collated to provide the requested information.

Your request for average triage times could not be met without substantial collation or research and is refused in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA.

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

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David Greig
Superintendent
New Zealand Police

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15 June 2022

Tēnā koe

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 4 March 2022, in which you asked for the following:

*Can I please have the Name, Title, Salary, Station and shoulder number /
Badge number of all Police personal and employees who attended the
Wellington Beehive Parliament grounds on the 02/03/22.*

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In the meantime, your request for the names and badge numbers of Police staff are withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

Please see below the ranks that worked on the ground during the Police operation that involved the removal of protestors at Parliament on 2 March 2022 (the operation), together with information about the remuneration for each rank. As pay scales relate to positions they do not correlate exactly with ranks, therefore I have provided the range in total remuneration for the most common salary band for each rank. Total remuneration is a compensation method based

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on an annual salary, plus superannuation contributions, and various annualised financial allowances based on position or specialist group memberships.

Level of Position	Total remuneration range for most common salary band
Inspector	\$137,208 - \$175,639
Senior Sergeant	\$98,878 – \$132,667
Sergeant	\$91,554 - \$122,757
Detective Constable	\$84,101 - \$112,672
Senior Constable	\$71,763 - \$102,588
Constable	\$71,763 - \$102,588
Authorised Officer	\$61,423 - \$83,103

The details of each individual officer's salary are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

Police officers from the following Police districts were involved in the operation:

- Northern
- Auckland City
- Waitematā
- Counties Manukau
- Waikato
- Bay of Plenty
- Central
- Eastern
- Wellington
- Tasman
- Canterbury
- Southern.

Staff from Police National Headquarters and the Royal New Zealand Police College were also deployed to the operation.

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David Greig
Superintendent
New Zealand Police

8 June 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 8 March 2022, in which you requested the following:

On 2 March 2022 at the protest in Wellington:

- 1. Were there any police and/or government employees or contractors or related personnel who were not in police uniform who were on parliamentary grounds or the immediate streets?*
- 2. Were there any police and/or government employees or contractors or related personnel who threw any object towards uniformed police officers?*
- 3. Were there any police and/or government employees or contractors or related personnel who ignited any fires?*
- 4. Please provide the numbers of uniformed police who were active in Wellington on that day who were not sworn officers.*
- 5. Please provide the numbers of uniformed police who were active in Wellington on that day who had been sworn in during 2022.*
- 6. Are the Police aware of any employees of foreign governments, companies, or agencies who were present on parliamentary grounds or the immediate streets*

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

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

In the meantime, please see below the answers to your questions.

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1. Were there any police and/or government employees or contractors or related personnel who were not in police uniform who were on parliamentary grounds or the immediate streets?

All Police employees deployed in the operation to clear protesters from the grounds of Parliament and surrounding areas on 2 March 2022 were in police uniform.

Other government employees who were present included staff from Fire and Emergency, and Wellington City Council staff.

2. Were there any police and/or government employees or contractors or related personnel who threw any object towards uniformed police officers?

3. Were there any police and/or government employees or contractors or related personnel who ignited any fires?

Police is currently undertaking a criminal investigation into activity that occurred at the Protest on 2 March 2022. However, I can advise that Police has no information to suggest that Police employees threw objects towards uniformed police officers or ignited any fires at the occupation on 2 March 2022.

In relation to "government employees or contractors or related personnel," section 32 of the Policy Act 2008 sets out the identifying particulars a constable may take from an individual in lawful custody. While an individual's occupation may be included under their biographical details the identity of their employer may not be provided.

4. Please provide the numbers of uniformed police who were active in Wellington on that day who were not sworn officers.

There are no uniformed or non-uniformed Police officers active in Wellington who are not sworn officers. All uniformed police active in Wellington on 2 March 2022 were sworn officers. A police employee must be sworn under the Policing Act to wear the police uniform.

5. Please provide the numbers of uniformed police who were active in Wellington on that day who had been sworn in during 2022.

Police records show that 83 uniformed police were active in Wellington on 2 March 2022 supporting the police response to the Protest (including in the District Custody Unit) who had been sworn in during 2022.

In order to provide the requested information for the whole Wellington region Police would first have to identify all uniformed police who were on duty on that day - including all those on duty with the Wellington District and at Police National Headquarters – then cross-reference this information with records from the Police Wings that had graduated in 2022. This part of your request is refused under s 18(f) of the OIA, as it would require substantial collation or research.

6. Are the Police aware of any employees of foreign governments, companies, or agencies who were present on parliamentary grounds or the immediate streets

Police is aware that a wide range of individuals attended the protest, however Police did not keep a record of "employees of foreign governments, companies, or agencies who were present on parliamentary grounds or the immediate streets." To confirm whether any such individuals came to Police awareness it would be necessary to review all the records Police hold of events on that day including the notebook entries of individual officers, and interview each officer present. This part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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

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David Greig
Superintendent
New Zealand Police

9 June 2022

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 20 May 2022, in which you requested the following:

Were any police personnel stood-down or had disciplinary action taken against them because of mis-conduct and the 2022 parliament protest? If so, how many and why?

I have interpreted your request to relate to any misconduct that may have involved Police staff policing the 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.

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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 of its response to the Protest. This includes staff selection, training, operational guidance, equipment, and technology provided to officers who policed the Protest. It also includes the powers used to keep the peace, maintain public safety, enforce the law, and provide community support and reassurance, and the tactical exercise of those powers.

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.

The IPCA anticipates the Review will be completed and reported on by 31 March 2023. Police recognises the importance of transparency in these matters and looks 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.

Although Police is currently reviewing all complaints received regarding the behaviour of Police officers during the Protest, in conjunction with the IPCA, at this time no Police personnel have been stood down or had disciplinary action taken against them in relation to the Protest.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Greig', is positioned above the printed name.

David Greig
Superintendent
New Zealand Police

XX June 2022

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 4 May 2022, in which you requested the following:

- 1. The number of injuries sustained by police staff at the protest broken down by date and whether the injury required medical attention*
- 2. The number of assaults on police staff reported broken down by date and whether injury was sustained*
- 3. The number of staff requiring medical attention during the protest*
- 4. The number of staff requiring hospital care during the protest*
- 5. Copies of incident reports for any case where staff required hospital care (with identifying details redacted for privacy)*
- 6. Copies of internal emails and memos sent to staff about the protest*
- 7. The number of staff brought in from other districts to assist at the protest*
- 8. Copies of any emails, memos, correspondence or documents relating to offers of counselling for staff involved in the 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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In the meantime, the responses to your request for information is provided below.

1. The number of injuries sustained by police staff at the protest broken down by date and whether the injury required medical attention

The following table provides a breakdown of the injuries reported to have occurred as a result of the Protest. Two of the injuries within the table relate to exposure to OC Spray contamination which required decontamination procedures to be carried out.

Date	Injuries	Medical attention required
9-Feb-22	2	0
10-Feb-22	12	0
15-Feb-22	1	1
16-Feb-22	1	1
19-Feb-22	2	2
20-Feb-22	1	0
21-Feb-22	6	3
22-Feb-22	6	3
26-Feb-22	1	1
27-Feb-22	1	1
1-Mar-22	2	0
2-Mar-22	119	35
Totals	154	47

2. The number of assaults on police staff reported broken down by date and whether injury was sustained

The table below provides the number of assaults on Police staff reported by date and whether injury was sustained.

Date	Assaults	Injury
10-Feb-22	9	8
19-Feb-22	2	2
21-Feb-22	5	5
22-Feb-22	4	4
2-Mar-22	72	49
Totals	92	68

3. The number of staff requiring medical attention during the protest

A total of 43 staff required medical attention as a result of injuries during the Protest.

4. The number of staff requiring hospital care during the protest

Our records show that nine staff visited a hospital for treatment of injuries they received at the Protest.

5. Copies of incident reports for any case where staff required hospital care (with identifying details redacted for privacy)

The way in which incidents are reported through the database does not allow for individual reports to be produced. However, pursuant to section 16(1)(e) of the OIA a summary is provided below of each incident that required hospital care:

- Struck down from behind by protestor, resulting in torn Achilles tendon
- Struck down from behind by protestor and sprayed with substance, resulting in loss of consciousness, head wound, and temporary blindness
- Hit in head by brick, resulting in CT scan and stitches
- Injury to shin from brick thrown by protestor
- Hit in head by brick, resulting in loss of consciousness
- Thrown into post during foot pursuit in the course of an arrest, resulting in shoulder dislocation and tendon damage
- Struck in knee by brick thrown by protestor, resulting in inability to walk and ongoing pain
- Injured from smoke inhalation from the fires, spray in the eyes, object to the face, and concrete paver to the chest. Taken to hospital when having trouble breathing
- Hit in the head by a brick, resulting in open wound requiring three stitches.

6. Copies of internal emails and memos sent to staff about the protest

We note from your email of 19 May 2022, that you have removed this question from your original request.

7. The number of staff brought in from other districts to assist at the protest

Between 9 February and 13 March 2022, 1802 Police staff were intermittently deployed to Wellington from outside of the Wellington District. Over this period staff were deployed to Wellington from all other Police districts, and were typically deployed for between three to seven days (excluding travel days). Please note this figure includes staff deployed from the Royal New Zealand Police College and Police National Headquarters.

In addition, 392 staff from Wellington District were intermittently deployed to the protest in frontline roles.

The table below outlines the staffing contributions made by each District, Police National Headquarters, and the Royal New Zealand Police College.

DISTRICT	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION
Northland	79
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Emergency Resource Request*	143
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8. Copies of any emails, memos, correspondence or documents relating to offers of counselling for staff involved in the protest

We have identified some documents and correspondence within the scope of your request. As it relates to Police planning and preparation, staff selection, and operational execution, we consider it goes to the heart of the matters under investigation and review by the IPCA, and is therefore 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.

However, pursuant to section 16(1)(e) of the OIA, I can provide the following summary:

Police staff had access to Wellness Advisors during and after the policing response to the Protest, and some Police staff were referred to psychologists. These engagements are not mandatory and are not strictly considered "counselling," but are included as a broader interpretation of the term. Our records show that as of 31 May, 35 staff members had been referred to a psychologist and in excess of 750 staff had been referred to Wellness Advisors as a result of the policing response to the Protest. Please note that:

- These numbers are not static, as staff can seek support at any time in relation to past events.
- The referrals to psychologists may be a mix of Constabulary staff and Police employees, and may be for a range of matters including debrief or psychological input to mitigate impact of trauma and/or cumulative experience including the Protest.
- Of the Wellness Advisor referrals, some of these may involve more than one referral per staff member, e.g., an initial general wellness check-up, then later presenting for further follow up for a specific reason.

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