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Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 9 March 2022, in which you asked for information relating to police officers deployed to clear protestors from Parliament grounds on 2 March 2022.

My response to each of your questions can be found below.

During the New Zealand Police operation on the 2nd March 2022 to clear protestors from New Zealand Parliament Grounds and the surrounding areas.

Please confirm that all police officers present were current serving New Zealand Police Officers and there were no Serving Police officers from other Countries involved.

If Police Officers from other countries were used, what was there specific tasks/operations on the 2nd March 2022.

I can confirm that all police officers involved in the operation on 2 March to clear protestors from the grounds of Parliament and surrounding areas were current serving members of New Zealand Police.

No members of foreign police services were deployed in the operation to remove protestors from the area surrounding Parliament on 2 March 2022.

I trust this information will be of use to you.

Yours sincerely



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11 March 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 22 February 2022, in which you asked:

Are there any United Nations troops or police working with the New Zealand police through the peaceful protest in Picton and wellington and all over New Zealand

I confirm there are no United Nations "troops or police" working with New Zealand Police at any protest sites in New Zealand.

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18 March 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:

Were police from outside of new zealand used in the operation to shut down the protest in wellington?

I can confirm that no members of foreign police services were deployed in the operation to remove protestors from the area surrounding Parliament.

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4 April 2022

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Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 25 February 2022 in which you asked for information relating to the recent protest at Parliament. My response to each of your questions can be found below.

- *How many police officers resigned from their jobs in the week following the events at Parliament on Thursday 10 February?*

A total of 21 constabulary staff resigned from New Zealand Police in the period 11 February – 18 February 2022 (inclusive).

Please note none of the 21 constabulary staff that resigned from New Zealand Police in the above period worked at the protest in Wellington.

- *How has this impacted on wait times for police attending incidents in different parts of the country? Please provide documented wait times for police attendance to emergency calls month-on-month for the last six months.*

Table 1, attached, shows the median emergency response duration (in minutes) for the period from September 2021 – February 2022 by each Police District boundary.

- *What has the financial cost been to police the protest in Wellington, including but not limited to the reinforcement of police forces?*

As of 28 February 2022, Police incurred actual costs totalling \$0.439 million in relation to the protest at Parliament. These costs cover expenditure incurred directly in response to the protest such as accommodation, food supplies, consumables, airfares and vehicles, venues and helicopter hire costs. It does not include any personnel costs of the staff assigned to this operation.

I trust this information is of use to you.

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Table 1: Median Emergency Response Duration (in minutes) for the period from September 2021 – February 2022 by each Police District boundary.

Police District	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022
Northland	12.2	11.9	14.3	12.2	15.2	17.3
Waitemata	9.8	11.0	12.2	12.1	11.8	11.4
Auckland City	10.4	12.3	10.7	13.9	13.5	13.1
Counties/Manukau	9.4	10.5	10.8	10.9	10.8	11.3
Waikato	12.7	12.0	13.5	13.6	14.1	13.5
Bay Of Plenty	12.5	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.2	12.9
Eastern	8.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	8.1	8.0
Central	9.6	8.8	9.8	9.2	9.9	9.4
Wellington	9.3	10.0	9.8	9.6	8.8	9.9
Tasman	8.6	9.2	7.0	11.4	8.0	8.7
Canterbury	9.7	10.7	10.7	10.2	10.0	11.2
Southern	9.6	9.7	8.9	9.4	9.2	9.1

4 April 2022

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Dear s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 3 March 2022, for information relating to the protests at Parliament.

My response to each of your questions can be found below.

- *Would you please inform me as to whether all the Police at the protest at Parliament on 2 March 2022 were New Zealand Police, trained in New Zealand, who are New Zealanders and have been New Zealand Police for the past year at least?*
- *Were any of the Police recent immigrants from other countries, who have immigrated to New Zealand within the last six months, and who have been admitted to the NZ Police force, but received Police training in another country?*

I can confirm that all police officers at the protest at Parliament on 2 March 2022 were members of New Zealand Police and were trained in New Zealand.

All such officers are New Zealand or Australian citizens, or have New Zealand permanent residency, as required in order to be accepted into training. The most recent graduates were inducted in February of this year.

- *Were any of the Police at the protest at Parliament on 2 March 2022 not New Zealand citizens prior to two months ago?*

As advised above, there is no requirement that an individual be a New Zealand citizen in order to become a New Zealand police officer, permanent residents and Australian citizens are also eligible.

While it is possible there are officers who were present at Parliament on 2 March 2022 who were New Zealand citizens on that date but were not citizens two months prior, Police does not require staff to report changes to citizenship status. This part of your request is therefore refused under s 18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Police.

- *Did any of the Police at the protest at Parliament on 2 March 2022 receive less than four weeks training with the NZ Police in New Zealand?*

No police at the protest at Parliament on 2 March 2022 received less than four weeks Police training in New Zealand.

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Yours sincerely

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6 April 2022

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Dear s.9(2)(a) OIA

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 22 February 2022, which you further clarified on 8 March 2022, in which you asked for information relating to the protest at Parliament.

My response to each of your questions can be found below.

- *Total number of police coming into Wellington to assist with the protests weekly - eg Total frontline offices in Wellington at 3 day intervals from February 15 to today's date*

A total of 1802 staff were deployed from outside of Wellington District over the four weeks. Please note this includes staff from Police National Headquarters and the Royal New Zealand Police College.

Your request for a breakdown of this number into weekly or 3-day intervals is refused pursuant to section 6(c) of the OIA, as the release of this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences.

- *Please provide the total number of different hotels they are staying at*

Police staff used 10 different venues for accommodation.

- *Please provide total number of agitators if any being paid for by NZ Police to aggravate the protestors - if this is not the case please state if any other agencies are funding agitators ie GCSB*

Police did not arrange for, or pay, anybody to aggravate protestors, nor is Police aware of any other government agency doing so. This is not a tactic Police would employ. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Police.

- *Alternatively if there aren't paid agitators please provide number of plain clothes officers infiltrating the protest on a daily basis*

Police did not keep a record of how many officers were working at the protest each day in plain clothes. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Police.

- *I am specifically wanting directives provided to NZ Police by Trevor Mallard or his team who I understand was the point man - specifically relating to directives,*

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strategies and how the protest was to be disbursed prior to the date the NZ Police forcefully went in.

Police did not receive directives from Trevor Mallard, or his team, regarding how to handle the protest at Parliament. The Commissioner of Police is not responsible to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in carrying out any of his functions as set out in the Policing Act 2008.

This part of your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the documentation alleged to contain this information does not exist.

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7 April 2022

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Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, which was partially transferred to Police for response on 14 March 2022. My response to each of your questions can be found below.

- *How many high-risk search warrants has the Armed Offenders Squad carried out since 2014, broken down by year and district, if any?*

In order to provide this information, Police would have to manually review every Armed Offenders Squad deployment record. Therefore, I must refuse this part of your request pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA, as providing this information would require substantial collation and research.

- *How many 501 deportees have come into New Zealand since Oct 2017 by year, if any?*

Police does not collate information about deportees from Australia in a manner that identifies the section of the Australian Migration Act they were deported under.

The numbers in table 1 below include all individuals deported from Australia to New Zealand in the requested time period.

Table 1: All individuals deported from Australia to New Zealand, per calendar year 2017-2022.

Arrival Calendar Year	People deported from Australia to New Zealand
2017 from 19 Oct	121
2018	472
2019	402
2020	319
2021	231
2022 to 14 Mar	29
Total	1,574

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- *How many 501 deportees have been able to obtain a firearms license in New Zealand on their return, if any, by district and year, for the last 10 years?*

As per my response above, Police does not collate information about deportees in a manner that identifies the section of the Australian Migration Act they were deported under. Furthermore, changes to section 501 were introduced in Australia in December 2014, so no data exists prior to that date.

Police holds data from January 2015 of all people deported from Australia to New Zealand, regardless of the reason for their deportation or which section of the Australian Migration Act they were removed under.

Of the people who were deported from Australia to New Zealand between 1 Jan 2015 and 14 Mar 2022, two people went on to receive a firearms licence after their arrival in New Zealand. One was issued a firearms licence in Bay of Plenty district in 2019 and one in Tasman district in 2017. Both were renewal applications (i.e., they had held a New Zealand firearms licence before their deportation).

Your request for information prior to 2015 is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

- *A full, day by day breakdown of Police assigned to Operation Convoy and the districts that Police were assigned from*

A day-by-day breakdown of the number of Police assigned to Operation Convoy is refused pursuant to section 6(c) of the OIA, as the release of this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences.

I can, however, provide you with information about which Districts staff were deployed from. This information can be found in table 2 below.

Table 2: Staff deployed to Wellington in the period 9 February 2022 to 13 March 2022, to support Operation Convoy, by originating Police District/location

District	Total contribution of staff
Northland	79
Tamaki Makaurau	417
Waikato	133
Bay of Plenty	115
Eastern	79
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. A further

breakdown of these individuals' originating district would require substantial collation and is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA.

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