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***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 14 May 2023. You asked:

*Please release each of the following Police Manual chapters*

- *Agencies investigating incidents*
- *Clandestine drug laboratories*
- *Cover backstopping*
- *Crash scene photography*
- *Drugs – Part 06 Warrant and warrantless power authorising use of surveillance devices*

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Clandestine drug laboratories <sup>2</sup>	12/04/2021	12/04/2026	
Covert backstopping	01/02/2019	01/02/2024	

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/agencies-investigating-incidents-200623.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/clandestine-drug-laboratories-redacted-200623.pdf>

Crash scene photography <sup>3</sup>	03/04/2023	03/04/2029
Categories of surveillance with a device* <sup>4</sup>	22/08/2018	22/08/2021
Surveillance device warrants* <sup>5</sup>	02/10/2018	02/10/2021
Drugs – Part 6 Warrant and warrantless power authorising use of surveillance devices	Cancelled in 2020 as it repeated sections of the 'Surveillance' chapter.	

\*Covers the relevant information from the cancelled 'Drugs – Part 6' chapter

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Yours sincerely

**Superintendent Dave Greig**  
Director Capability

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/crash-scene-photography-200623.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/categories-surveillance-device-redacted-200623.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/surveillance-device-warrants-200623.pdf>