



NEW ZEALAND
POLICE
Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

8 July 2019

Dear Mr Davenport

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 request of 2 May for the following information:

For the year 2018, I would like to request:

- 1) the number of case files relating to traffic offences requested under the OIA*
- 2) the number of those case files refused under s6(c)*
- 3) for each of the case files refused under s6(c):*
 - a) The case file number*
 - b) In regards to the last comment on the case file made by the investigating officer (ie, not new comments from the reporter, or comments related to the OIA request, or general filing comments. I'm after actual comments that are showing that the case is under "active investigation"), the number of cases that have that last investigative comment made:*
 - i) less than 20 days prior to the refusal*
 - ii) more than 20, but less than 40 days prior to the refusal*
 - iii) more than 40 days prior to the refusal*
 - iv) do not have such a comment (ie, no active investigation has been done)*
 - c) In regards to the first comment on the case file made by the investigating officer (ie, not the original report made by the public, and not comments merely assigning the officer. I'm after the comments that are showing that the "active investigation"), the number of cases that have had the first investigative comment made:*
 - i) less than 20 days after the complaint was made*
 - ii) more than 20, but less than 40 days after the complaint was made*
 - iii) more than 40 days after the complaint was made*
 - iv) do not have such a comment (ie, no active investigation has been done)*
 - d) For all the case files that meet either 3(b)(iii), 3(b)(iv), 3(c)(iii), or 3(c)(iv), a brief reason why the case was refused under s6(c) of the OIA if there is no evidence to the case being under active investigation.*

In order to answer your questions, a manual search of the responses to the 35,247 requests for information made under the Official Information Act received by NZ Police between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 would have to be undertaken.

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The information you have requested is therefore declined under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I have considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help, as required by section 18A of the Act. However I am of the view that, for the reasons set out above, neither of those options is practicable.

You have the right, under section 28 (3) of the OIA, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Hodgson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'L' and 'H'.

Lee Hodgson
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