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Mr Mark Hanna

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Dear Mr Hanna

### **Official Information Request**

Thank you for your letter dated 14 June 2019 in which requested the following information:

1. The chapter of the Police manual entitled “Police Dogs - Use of force and Police dogs” or, if no such chapter exists, the chapter(s) that have superseded this chapter.
2. Any other documents regarding the use of force and Police dogs, including any guidance documents regarding when and how the use of Police dogs should or should not be recorded in the TOR database.

In response to your questions I provide the following:

1. *The chapter of the Police manual entitled “Police Dogs - Use of force and Police dogs” or, if no such chapter exists, the chapter(s) that have superseded this chapter.*

Please find attached a copy from the Police Manual - Police Dogs - Part 8 – Use of Force and Police Dogs. This chapter governs how Police dogs can be deployed when the use of force is necessary.

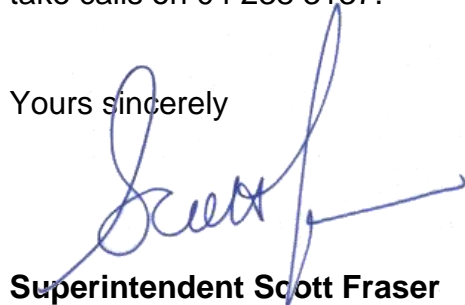
Any police dog handler who uses force on a person using their police dog is subject to exactly the same requirements as any other police officer who need to use force on a person such as baton or O/C spray. That officer is required to submit a Tactical Options Report.

2. *Any other documents regarding the use of force and Police dogs, including any guidance documents regarding when and how the use of Police dogs should or should not be recorded in the TOR database.*

Please find attached a section from the Use of Force policy entitled "Reporting use of force/tactical options use" from the Police Manual.

Should you have any queries in relation to the information provided please do not hesitate to contact Inspector Todd Southall, National Coordinator: Police Dogs @ [todd.southall@police.govt.nz](mailto:todd.southall@police.govt.nz). Todd is also available to take calls on 04 238 3137.

Yours sincerely



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