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Dear Ingar

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 16 July 2019. You asked:

With regards to the recent firearms confiscation buyback event at Riccarton, Christchurch 13-14/7/2019,

- 1. The media and police reports vary greatly in the numbers handed in. Please provide an accurate figure of the number of fire arms and accessories*
- 2. With regard to the firearms, please provide a list of fire arms handed in, including*
 - Brand (e.g. Norinco)*
 - Model (e.g. JW20)*
 - Type of action (e.g. lever action, pump action)*
 - calibre (eg 22LR)*
 - Magazine capacity and type where known (eg 15 round tube magazine)*
- 3. With regards to the accessories, please provide a list of the accessories handed in and their details including where known:*
 - Brand or model of fire arm (eg AR15 type)*
 - type (eg trigger)*
- 4. Please provide this information for any other fire arms handed in to police directly as part of the buyback scheme*
- 5. This request will also apply to other events as well as the one stated above. Please provide this information for any other events or surrendered items up until the information is released.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982.

Your request for the number of firearms handed in since the beginning of the buyback scheme is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available and can be found on the Police website at the link below. This information is also updated weekly.

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms/stats-firearms-handed-in>

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The part of your request asking for a breakdown by type is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information will be publicly available soon. Police are currently developing new reporting metrics that will be public facing to regularly update the public on how the buyback is performing.

Your request asking for the number of firearms, broken down by make, model, brand and other fields are refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as while Police holds data for each individual firearm, we do not hold collated data points to respond to your request. This information is therefore refused as it is not held.

Once the buyback scheme has ended, Police will prepare, and intend to release, a final report detailing all aspects of the scheme from beginning to end. This report will include detailed reporting on the specific firearms which are handed in, both through the amnesty and the buyback. Final decisions on the level of detail to be included in this report will be made once the buyback has concluded.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Yours sincerely



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