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Dear Ms Vaai

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 23 February 2020 to Ministry of Justice regarding information on conviction of firearms offences.

Your request was for the following:

"The percentage of Maori and Pacific people that have been convicted of firearms offences from 2009 - 2019

The percentage of people that were shot by Police from 2009 - 2019 in New Zealand and what percentage of these people were Maori or Pacific "

In response to part 1 of your request, please refer to Tables 1 and 2 attached.

In response to part 2 of your request, I can advise that on 25 February 2020, this part of your request has been transferred to New Zealand Police for response.

If you require any further information, please contact Jerram Watts, Team Leader Media and External Relations (acting), on 027 291 3518, or email media@justice.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143; calling 0800 802 602; or emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

I trust that this information assists.

Yours sincerely



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Table 1: Number of people convicted of firearms offences, by ethnicity, 2009 - 2019

People convicted per year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Maori	532	562	510	468	476	455	468	563	643	647	671
Pacific Peoples	112	114	90	90	92	84	99	98	117	130	145
Asian	22	22	16	23	13	22	18	24	21	22	26
European	653	651	589	569	556	555	551	636	652	674	613
Other	23	24	19	22	24	27	19	22	31	36	25
Unknown	5	3	5	5	7	5	6	7	10	5	7
Firearms offences convictions total	1,233	1,255	1,127	1,078	1,079	1,053	1,060	1,242	1,349	1,378	1,360

Notes:

- This includes all Arms Act 1983 offences and all other offences which include reference to firearms in their offence description, including:
 - Crimes Act 1961 (eg 111.1: Murders (Firearm))
 - Summary Offences Act 1981 (eg 155.1: Common Assault (Firearm))
 - Domestic Violence Act 1995 (eg 385.1: Contravenes Protection Order (Firearm))
 - Trespass Act 1980 (eg 687.6: Firearm Related Offence Trespass Act Only)
 - Traffic Regulations 1976 (eg 687.5: Carry Loaded Firearm in Vehicle).
- These offences are categorised across 10 different ANZSOC divisions. There are currently 166 firearm-related offences, although a number of these are obsolete.
- 'Multiple ethnicity' information is used in this table. This means for each ethnicity a person is counted once per calendar year (eg they may be counted in both European and Māori). As some people have multiple recorded ethnicities this will result in the sum of ethnicities being greater than the total number of people each year.

Table 2: Percentage of people convicted of firearms offences, by ethnicity, 2009 - 2019

People convicted per year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Maori	43%	45%	45%	43%	44%	43%	44%	45%	48%	47%	49%
Pacific Peoples	9%	9%	8%	8%	9%	8%	9%	8%	9%	9%	11%
Asian	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
European	53%	52%	52%	53%	52%	53%	52%	51%	48%	49%	45%
Other	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Firearms offences convictions total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Notes:

- This includes all Arms Act 1983 offences and all other offences which include reference to firearms in their offence description, including:
 - Crimes Act 1961 (eg 111: Murders (Firearm))
 - Summary Offences Act 1981 (eg 1651: Common Assault (Firearm))
 - Domestic Violence Act 1995 (eg 3851: Contravenes Protection Order (Firearm))
 - Trespass Act 1980 (eg 6876: Firearm-Related Offence Trespass Act Only)
 - Traffic Regulations 1976 (eg 6875: Carry Loaded Firearm in Vehicle).
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