

14 August 2020

Mr Shane Gibson
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REF: IR-01-20-20636

Dear Mr Gibson

I refer to your Official Information Request of 14 July 2020 for the following information:

Please provide an extract of data from the system you currently use to track information requests submitted under the Official Information Act 1982.

The extract should be in a machine readable form. This means either via a publicly accessible API or file in csv or JSON format.

The extract should have the following details in a single row for each request that was submitted:

- The title of the request.*
- The date your organisation received the request*
- The date of the final response from your organisation to that request, or the date you closed the request*

To reduce the effort required by your organisation I am requesting records for the date range that the data is available in your OIA tracking system. For example if your OIA tracking system only holds two years of records then I am requesting data for those two years.

The system NZ Police currently utilise to log, manage and monitor requests received under the Official Information Act (OIA) 1982 is the Information Request Tool (IRT). This system has been operational since April 2018. You have advised that you require records for the timeframe that our current OIA tracking system has been operational. Interrogation of IRT has generated an extract containing 66,046 records for requests received between April 2018 and 27 July 2020. These records are contained in the attached CSV file. The supplied extract is from IRT and does not include numbers of Traffic Crash Reports, Speed Camera information requests or Media request which are answered under the OIA Act, but recorded elsewhere. This accounts for the difference in data supplied

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compared to figures provided by Police to the State Services Commission as part of six-monthly external reporting requirements.

You have requested that the data extract include the *'title of the request'*. Request titles are not recorded in the IRT database, and this portion of your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) on the grounds that the information requested does not exist.

Provision of an alternative field recording the request summary has been considered. These summaries frequently contain requestor and other information that may need to be withheld. We have also considered whether creation of a request title using the content of the request summary would be possible. For both of these options the volume of documentation to be reviewed and the effect of that on the normal operations of New Zealand Police through diverting resources to meet your request, are such that responding to this portion of your request via an extract from the request summary field is declined under section 18(f) of the Act as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

I have considered whether charging a fee or notifying an extension for responding to your request would assist, as required by section 18A of the Act. I am of the view that, for the reasons outlined above, neither of those options is practicable. I also consider that consultation with you (pursuant to section 18B) would not assist to overcome the reason for refusal of this part of your request.

The attached extract addresses your request for the *'date your organisation received the request'*, and the *'date of the final response from your organisation'*.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



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