



Mr Chris Werry

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Dear Mr Werry

**Official information request - Reference 14/1371**

I write in response to your request for information forwarded to Police National Headquarters by way of email on 21 February 2014.

You have requested information in relation to “statistics on an annual basis for the years 2009 – 2013 inclusive on Crimestoppers referrals to Police.”

More specifically you request:

- 1. the total number of tip offs received from Crimestoppers*
- 2. the number of tip offs received from Crimestoppers that resulted in an arrest, and*
- 3. some commentary on the typical amount of time NZ Police spend investigating a Crimestoppers tip off.*

By way of explanation, New Zealand Police does not refer to information forwarded by Crimestoppers as “tip-offs”. Each piece of information forwarded is referred to as an ‘occurrence’.

A response to your specific questions is provided as under. Each point is addressed separately.

**Point 1**

The table below identifies, by year, the number of occurrences forwarded to Police by Crimestoppers.

Crimestoppers occurrence year	Crimestoppers occurrences	Charges
2009	43	22
2010	2,216	253
2011	3,221	143
2012	3,868	260
2013	4,480	230
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13,828</b>	<b>908</b>

**Point 2**

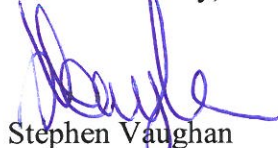
Police are not able to be specific as to the number of arrests that result from occurrences as that information does not exist. What Police do record however, is the number of charges laid against an individual/s. A 'charge' represents the formal accusation made against a person that results in criminal proceedings. The table outlined under Point 1 records 230 charges being laid in 2013. This figure represents the number of formal accusations (or charges) laid against individuals by Police that year. Some of the charges might relate to actual arrests, some might represent actions being taken by summons as opposed to the formal arrest procedure. In any event, specific data on how many individual arrests were made is not recorded and due to the fact this information does not exist, your request is denied under Section 18(g), Official Information Act 1982.

**Point 3**

Police do not record the amount of time spent on Crimestoppers occurrences. Whilst this information is not collated, Police do rely on information from a variety of sources of which Crimestoppers is one. Crimestoppers has assisted Police in dealing with a broad range of crimes including drug offending, property crime, serious crimes against the person and offending on the roads. Due to the fact that specific information regarding the amount of time spent on Crimestoppers occurrences does not exist, your request is denied under Section 18(g), Official Information Act 1982.

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to seek a review from the Ombudsman in relation to the refusal points 2 and 3 of your request.

Yours faithfully,



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Detective Superintendent  
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