

7 April 2021

Helen Hardly
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Ref: IR-01-21-11125

Dear Ms Hardly,

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), dated 4 April 2021, where you have requested information on suspicious activities reported from Bank of China New Zealand to New Zealand Police.

In your message you specifically requested:

- 1. Under the OIA, I would like to know how many activities that Bank of China NZ has reported to NZ Police in the past 3 actual years been 2020, 2019 and 2018.*
- 2. Also how many of these activities that Bank of China reported has resulted in further investigation by the NZ police.*
- 3. Who is the contact person and his/her contact details (public available) within Bank of China who focuses on the suspicious activities reporting, I understand most Bank would have an open channel to public with regards reporting suspicious activities.*

In response to your request, the New Zealand Police Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) advise the following:

Request 1

Please see the below breakdown of number of reports per year:

Year	Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs)	Prescribed Transaction Reports (PTRs)
2018	25	317
2019	10	354
2020	5	329

Request 2

Eleven of the SARs have been referred for further investigation. We are unable to quantify PTRs that have supported investigations without substantial collation, therefore, this part of your request is declined pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA.

Police National Headquarters

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Request 3

This information is withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons. You may wish to contact the bank directly.

If you are not satisfied with any aspect of the decisions made in this response, you are entitled to complain to the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review.

Yours sincerely,



Detective Inspector Christiaan Barnard
Manager: Financial Intelligence Unit
New Zealand Police