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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your correspondence dated 30 June 2021 in which you requested information relating to a report of a kayaker being in possible difficulty off Marine Parade on 29 June 2021. I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), and you will find a response to each of your questions below.

- 1. Please provide a copy of the intelligence/report/transcript of the concerns raised after a member of the public reported that a kayaker was in possible difficulty off Marine Parade at around 7.55am.**

This event was recorded as a 111 call from a member of the public, and no intelligence report or transcript was created. Therefore I must refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the documentation alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

- 2. Please provide a copy of all communications (emails, text messages, decision logs etc) that relate to this event (internally with Police including the Maritime Unit).**

I can advise that the following information was logged as an entry to the District Command Centre:

"1 Kayaker reported by a member of the public who appeared to be in trouble as he had lost his paddle and was being blown towards Eastbourne. 2nd Kayaker went out to assist then the informant lost sight of both kayakers. Maritime, PST units in Wellington and Hutt, Westpac rescue helicopter, Airport marine rescue and Coast Guard deployed to search for kayakers. Media broadcast with photos of kayakers in case they had made it to shore. Kayakers found at the ski club in Petone.

Further to this, the event was recorded as a 111 call from a member of the public, and therefore on this occasion in regards to any further communications, emails, text messages, decision logs etc, this request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the documentation alleged to contain this information does not exist.

3. Please provide a copy of all communications (emails, text messages, decision logs etc) that relate to this event with any external agency involved with the event.

As this was a single event with no outcome there is only the 111 call. Therefore, this request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist or cannot be found

4. Please provide a list of the staff and their roles that were involved in the event.

I can advise the staff that attended were staff currently deployed to our Maritime Section:

- RKI543
- GL7222
- PEH242

5. Please provide how much it cost in order to respond to this event. An approximation will be fine.

Police does not record cost data on an individual case level. Therefore this request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information requested is not held by Police.

6. The reckless behaviour of two men endangered the lives of others all because they "live for this stuff". Will the police (or any other agency) be charging the pair for their recklessness?

I can advise that no charges will be laid for this event.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



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