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Official Information Act 1982 request

You have sought information on the following items, under the Official Information Act 1982 ('the Act'):

1. The number of CCTV cameras, drones and RF helicopters or any other surveillance method using special video equipment that the NZ Police have access [to].
2. Are the CCTV cameras linked together, if so is this by city, region or nationwide?
3. What software is used to view CCTV images?
4. Do the NZ Police have access to facial recognition or other biometric databases to identify images?
5. What activities or tasks are undertaken via drones or radio controlled helicopters?

Response

1. This information is refused under s 18(e) of the Act as it does not exist.
2. NZ Police cannot provide you with an answer to this enquiry as it is not clear what CCTV cameras you are referring to. If you are referring to those CCTV which are owned by local councils, then the proper course for this question would be for you to approach the respective local council. If on the other hand you are referring to CCTV around and within a police station, then you should specify this.
3. See #2.
4. This information is refused under s6(c) of the Act, in that to disclose that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences.
5. In general terms, the types of activities that lend themselves to the use of drones or radio controlled helicopters would be activities under observation and at a distance.

Yours sincerely

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