



Ref: 14/4335/1

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C Townsend
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Dear C Townsend

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 24 July 2014 received by email seeking the following information:

1. Please provide me with any extracts of manuals, guidelines or any resources related to the use of coercion, psychological persuasion and/or manipulation by undercover officers to entice someone to commit a criminal offence.

On 4 April 2013, under police reference AFS13/1696, Dimitrios Theodoridis C/- fyi-request-807-da4937ae@requests.fyi.org.nz made a similar request for a copy of the Police Undercover Manual - this request was refused.

The information you seek relates to the Undercover manual and is also refused. In respect of your request, police will not make public information contained in the Undercover Procedures Manual as to do so would only serve to provide criminals with information on how the programme works. This would place our members at risk and would not be in the public interest. Therefore your request is refused pursuant to section 6(c) of the Official Information Act as the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences.

Please also note that to ensure the prompt response to your requests, please provide your full name so that Police can be assured of who is seeking information.

You have the right 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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