



19 September 2014

Ross Browne  
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Dear Mr Browne

I refer to your request of 20 August 2014 in which you requested the following information:

- 1.1 How many sworn and non sworn staff have been assigned to the Police Air Support Unit for each of the last 3 financial years
- 1.2 For each of the last 3 financial years, what were the staff costs of the Air Support Unit
- 1.3 For each of the last 3 financial years, what were the non-staff costs of the Air Support Unit
- 1.4 For each of the last 3 financial years, how many flight hours were flown by the Air Support Unit for operational purposes?
- 1.5 For each of the last 3 financial years, how many flight hours were flown by the Air Support Unit for training purposes?
2. Contracted helicopter support for Districts
  - 2.1 Listed by district, how many non-military helicopter flight hours were contracted for each of the last 3 financial years, for the purpose of search and rescue?
  - 2.2 Listed by district, what was the cost of non-military helicopter flight hours were contracted for each of the last 3 financial years, for the purpose of search and rescue?
  - 2.3 Listed by district, how many non-military helicopter flight hours were contracted for each of the last 3 financial years, for the purpose of supporting Armed Offender Squads?
  - 2.4 Listed by district, what were the cost of non-military helicopter flight hours were contracted for each of the last 3 financial years, for the purpose of supporting Armed Offender Squads
  - 2.5 Listed by district, how many non-military helicopter flight hours were contracted for each of the last 3 financial years, for purposes other than search and rescue and Armed Offender Squads?
  - 2.6 Listed by district, what were the cost of non-military helicopter flight hours were contracted for each of the last 3 financial years, for the purposes for purposes other than search and rescue and Armed Offender Squads?
3. Helicopter support studies
  - 3.1 What studies have been undertaken to explore Police's future air support needs in the last 5 years?

3.2 What submissions have Police made to other government agencies on air support Police may request from them in the last 5 years?

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that Police require an extension of time in which to respond to your request, pursuant to section 15A(1) of the Official Information Act 1982, because the request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and consultations such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

Police require until 15 October 2014 to provide a substantive response to your request.

You have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsmen about this extension.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Teresa McMahon', is positioned above the typed name.

Teresa McMahon  
Executive and Ministerial Services