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Dear Oscar

Request for information

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 11 May 2022 in which you requested the following:

I request the following information for the past 5 year period.

- 1. The number of theft, burglary and robbery reports.*
- 2. How many resulted in someone being charged for the above crimes.*
- 3. How many received the generic response below where no action was taken.*

"Thank you for reporting your case to the Police on 01/01/2021. After looking at all the available evidence we have not been able to find out who is responsible. Unless more information or evidence is found, we can't proceed any further with this case..."

- 4. Any statistics the police hold on the number of theft, burglary and robbery related crimes that are not reported.*

Police proactively publishes statistics which are updated monthly. These statistics can be viewed and downloaded online from policedata.nz.

The 'Victimisations (demographics)' report from these statistics will be the most useful for questions 1 to 3. You can access this data by the following steps:

- Go to policedata.nz and double click on the 'Victimisations (demographics)' report
- From the 'Victimisations (demographics)' report, select the tab labelled 'Trends'
- Select the time period you require by using the filters 'Start Date' and 'End Date'
- You will find from the 'Crime Type (selected period)' chart of the report:
 - Robbery, Extortion and Related Offences
 - Unlawful Entry With Intent/Burglary, Break and Enter
 - Theft and Related Offences

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- To expand the categories to show the ANZSOC Group, click on the icon that has 'square with a + in it' over the 'ANZSOC Division' heading.
- The 'Outcome of Investigations (selected period)' chart show the breakdown where the investigation is based on the number of days it has been reported to police (7,30,90, 180 days). It is indicated under the 'Outcome of Investigation' dropdown menu.
- Select/highlight a specific crime type and the 'Outcome of Investigations (selected period)' chart automatically updates to show breakdowns.
- Finally, you can download detailed information about these data using the download icon at the bottom of the page and selecting 'Data'.

Police does not produce statistics relating to the generic response mentioned in question 3. The information that you have sought would have to be extracted from individual Police records and for statistics to be created in order to fulfil this response. This requires Police to undertake significant collation and research to understand this information. The OIA does not require agencies to create information for the purposes of answering requests, therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA.

In answer to question 4, Police only produces statistics on crimes that are reported or otherwise come to Police attention. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as such information is not held. However, the Ministry of Justice produces the [New Zealand Crime Victim Survey](#) which may interest you.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. Therefore an anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

I trust this information is sufficient for your purposes. If you have any questions regarding this data, please feel free to contact me via data@police.govt.nz.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Williams', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval border.

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