

OIA-2014-2112

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Alex Harris

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Dear Alex Harris

I refer to your email of 1 October 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to New Zealand Defence Force support to the New Zealand Police. Specifically you have asked *how many times did NZDF assist the Police with surveillance in 2013? I would like a breakdown by agency. I am specifically seeking aggregate statistical data rather than specifics of each case in order not to infringe on the interests protected by section 6(c) OIA (maintenance of law and order). As this is not a national security function, section 6(a) should not apply.*

The NZDF supports the New Zealand Police as requested, which may involve surveillance. For the 2013 year no data exists for surveillance support to the Police, I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information you have requested does not exist. I have considered whether consulting with you may assist in removing the reason for the refusal but I do not believe this will result in a different outcome.

I trust this satisfies your request for information, but you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely



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