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Tēnā koe Sean

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 16 March 2023, in which you requested:

What measures are in place to ensure conformance with the requirement for impartiality in §4.1 of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 when providing forensic services accredited to that standard?

Police does not maintain accreditation covering forensic services. Impartiality, or bias as it is referred to in the forensic industry, and the management of bias are integrated into forensic training. Processes and procedures are in place to counter the effects of bias in the work carried out by Police forensic staff.

Therefore, the information is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA as the information you have requested does not exist.

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. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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