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Dear G Smith

I refer to your online Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 3 May 2023, in which you ask:

Can I please have the following information:

- 1. Number of search warrants sought in relation to Arms Act offences executed by NZ Police in 2021 and 2022, separated by District and month.*
- 2. Number of S18 Search and Surveillance Act 2012 warrantless searches that were conducted by Police in 2021 and 2022, separated by District and month.*

In response to your request, please see the information contained in the following tables.

Table 1 below shows the number of search warrants executed by Police in 2021, where the qualifying offence listed was from the Arms Act 1983, listed by Police district and month.

Table 1

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<i>Auckland City</i>	10	1	11	11	13	10	19	9	12	21	6	1
<i>Bay of Plenty</i>	1	17	1	4	10	2	6	6	1	3	1	2
<i>Canterbury</i>	6	4	14	5	22	22	19	10	0	10	5	6
<i>Central</i>	9	9	3	8	5	5	8	3	18	11	1	9
<i>Counties/ Manukau</i>	1	3	0	0	4	3	1	5	3	2	0	0
<i>Eastern</i>	14	5	16	11	3	15	4	4	7	2	6	8
<i>Northland</i>	7	18	20	4	14	4	26	4	2	10	3	13
<i>Not Specified</i>	4	2	13	7	4	6	5	4	5	4	8	4
<i>Southern</i>	5	6	8	5	2	8	5	11	2	6	5	3
<i>Tasman</i>	5	5	3	6	5	0	1	2	5	13	3	2
<i>Waikato</i>	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	8	2
<i>Waitemata</i>	0	4	3	4	6	1	2	0	0	7	1	1

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<i>Wellington</i>	3	6	1	4	8	4	0	2	8	0	11	4
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Table 2 below shows the number of search warrants executed by Police in 2022, where the qualifying offence listed was from the Arms Act 1983, listed by Police district and month.

Table 2

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
<i>Auckland City</i>	5	3	2	8	12	8	17	24	9	20	10	1
<i>Bay of Plenty</i>	3	0	10	0	2	2	3	9	3	3	1	0
<i>Canterbury</i>	6	3	9	8	6	11	11	12	5	35	2	12
<i>Central</i>	0	5	7	11	8	0	6	6	22	3	19	6
<i>Counties/ Manukau</i>	0	0	0	0	2	8	4	5	2	1	0	1
<i>Eastern</i>	6	7	12	11	9	6	6	8	10	19	13	1
<i>Northland</i>	6	11	12	11	7	13	3	6	6	5	17	9
<i>Not Specified</i>	4	2	5	3	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0
<i>Southern</i>	3	6	12	14	3	6	10	14	10	13	9	14
<i>Tasman</i>	0	2	4	1	4	2	8	1	2	0	1	1
<i>Waikato</i>	3	0	2	8	5	1	3	1	3	0	3	1
<i>Waitemata</i>	0	1	0	0	6	2	9	1	4	2	3	0
<i>Wellington</i>	6	6	3	23	9	17	7	5	0	10	8	7

Table 3 below shows the number of section 18 Search and Surveillance Act 2012 warrantless searches associated with arms carried out by Police in 2021, listed by Police district and month.

Table 3

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
<i>Auckland City</i>	5	3	2	5	6	5	8	1	6	5	5	2
<i>Bay of Plenty</i>	5	7	8	4	2	6	4	2	2	4	6	8
<i>Canterbury</i>	14	8	15	21	20	15	20	12	14	12	17	16
<i>Central</i>	5	6	5	5	8	4	7	6	9	4	6	8
<i>Counties/ Manukau</i>	7	5	7	3	1	3	2	9	4	2	3	10

<i>Eastern</i>	12	11	4	6	7	8	9	7	9	9	5	10
<i>Northland</i>	7	7	5	1	6	2	10	12	6	3	11	4
<i>Not Specified</i>	6	7	4	10	7	1	8	5	4	1	9	6
<i>Southern</i>	4	0	4	7	8	5	3	7	3	9	11	5
<i>Tasman</i>	7	2	0	2	1	4	1	1	7	0	1	6
<i>Waikato</i>	0	2	2	3	6	6	4	4	1	2	2	5
<i>Waitemata</i>	6	11	10	7	2	7	5	7	4	9	5	6
<i>Wellington</i>	10	8	9	9	17	10	9	3	10	10	9	3

Table 4 below shows the number of section 18 Search and Surveillance Act 2012 warrantless searches associated with arms carried out by Police in 2022, listed by Police district and month.

Table 4

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
<i>Auckland City</i>	5	1	9	11	7	6	3	8	5	7	5	2
<i>Bay of Plenty</i>	5	7	3	4	4	11	5	7	12	6	12	10
<i>Canterbury</i>	12	14	17	9	19	16	17	19	16	16	12	12
<i>Central</i>	5	5	4	7	13	5	3	4	3	8	16	9
<i>Counties/ Manukau</i>	2	7	5	3	4	1	4	1	5	6	5	8
<i>Eastern</i>	5	7	5	4	3	6	2	3	0	6	5	9
<i>Northland</i>	3	17	8	8	7	7	5	7	6	9	5	6
<i>Not Specified</i>	2	1	1	3	1	3	6	0	1	2	1	1
<i>Southern</i>	5	4	8	7	11	8	7	7	11	4	4	12
<i>Tasman</i>	1	3	3	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	2	3
<i>Waikato</i>	0	4	2	0	3	4	6	7	6	6	0	7
<i>Waitemata</i>	10	2	1	2	2	1	8	6	3	5	4	8
<i>Wellington</i>	10	2	4	6	9	6	8	5	6	12	8	4

Location data recorded in the attached tables which appears as “not specified” has resulted from the automated script being used to recover the data from Police systems being unable to determine the location without substantial manual intervention and reconciliation.

To obtain the location details for these occurrences, each individual record would have to be retrieved and manually examined to obtain the location data. Therefore, the provision of this location information for those occurrences listed as “not specified” in the above tables is refused under s18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 – namely because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to refer the matter to the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Olsson', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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