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Dear James

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 29 May 2023. You asked for information regarding a Newshub article dated 27 May 2023 which included the following reference to a 220% increase in foot patrols in Auckland's CBD.

"Inspector Grae Anderson is responsible for central city policing. As a response to crime concerns in the CBD, police set up a base right in the middle of the city Anderson said there had been more than 11,000 foot patrols in the CBD this year – a 220% increase on this time last year"

My response to each part of your request can be found below.

1. *The number of foot patrols month by month in Auckland's CBD from Jan 2020 until April 30th, 2023. If this is not available, please provide all the data used to calculate the 220% increase.*

The 11,000+ foot patrols referenced relate to financial year to date (FYTD) figures for Auckland City, of which the Auckland Central Area is a part. Please refer to Table 1A directly below.

Table 1A: Prevention, 3F Foot Patrols, Auckland City, FYTD.



Prevention				
	FYTD vs Previous FYTD	This Quarter vs Previous Quarter	Rolling 12 Month Volume	12 Month Trend
3F Foot Patrol	+219.4%	+11.7%	11,877	↑

On a calendar year to date basis there were 1272 foot patrols in 2022 across the Auckland Central Area versus 4363 foot patrols in the same period for 2023. This equates to a 243% increase.

Alternatively, when calculated from May 2021 through April 2022 there were a total of 2261 foot patrols in the Auckland Central Area, this compared with 6288 foot patrols from May 2022 until April 2023. This equating to an 178% increase over the comparative 12 month period.

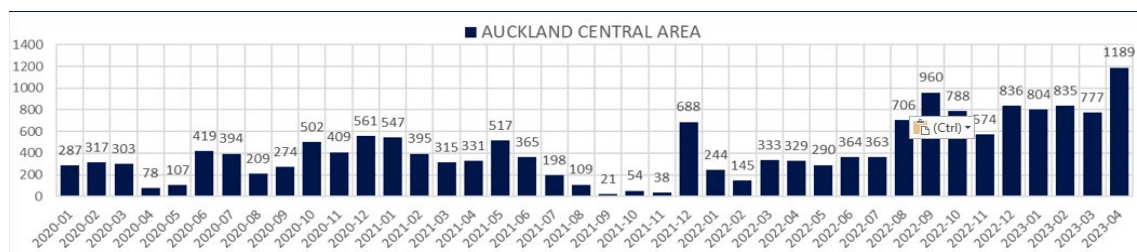
Please refer to table 1B directly below and associated graph for the 3F - Foot Patrol volume in Auckland Central Police Area in the specified date range. The table and graph both relate to the Auckland Central Area only.

The Auckland Central Area, in general, encompasses the Parnell, Karangahape, Wynyard Quarter, CBD, Viaduct Harbour, Grafton and Victoria Park areas.

Please note the reductions in April and May 2020 are due to the COVID lockdown in late March. The same applies to the lower volumes observed Sept/Oct/Nov 2021, in which Auckland was in lockdown from late August through to early December.

Table 1B: 3F – Foot Patrol volume in Auckland Central, 1 Jan 2020 – 30 Apr 2023

Events Count	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	287	547	244	804
Feb	317	395	145	835
Mar	303	315	333	777
Apr	78	331	329	1189
May	107	517	290	
Jun	419	365	364	
Jul	394	198	363	
Aug	209	109	706	
Sep	274	21	960	
Oct	502	54	788	
Nov	409	38	574	
Dec	561	688	836	
Total	3860	3578	5932	3605



2. Can you please also provide the Police definition of a foot patrol - is there a standard length of time? area covered? etc.

A foot patrol is when officers are actively patrolling on foot and are highly visible. Foot patrols may include visitations and engagement with local businesses and members of the public. The duration can vary from five minutes to an hour or more depending on several factors. The figures provided account for all such patrols logged via radio or mobility device by Auckland Central Area Police members and are geo-coded to the specific locations.

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.

Yours sincerely

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