

27 September 2023

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Dear John,

Thank you for your request for information pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). On 14 September 2023, you asked for the following information:

Can I please have a copy of the police general instructions relating to what happens when a judges (sic) criticizes a police officer in court

There is no Police General Instruction relating to judicial criticism of a Police employee, and therefore your request is refused pursuant to s.18(e) OIA in that the document requested does not exist.

However, there is specific reference to judicial adverse comment contained within the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NZ Police and the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA). This agreement sets out that NZ Police will notify the IPCA about any matter where there has been judicial adverse comment against a Police employee or Police practice, policy, or procedure. You can view the MOU on the NZ Police website at:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/memorandum-understanding-between-ipca-and-new-zealand-police>

The IPCA may act on a notification made pursuant to the MOU in the same manner as a complaint notified under s.15 of the IPCA Act 1988.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



Detective Inspector Greg Cramer
Acting Director: Integrity and Conduct