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Dear Mr Harris

I refer to your request dated 18 February 2015 in which you asked:

1. *Is courtsiding a crime under New Zealand law? If so, under what statute?*
2. *All information relating to surveillance of any courtsiders, including training material, what social media accounts of keywords were monitored, and all communications to and from the police about it?*
3. *The total cost of the anti-courtsiding operation?*

First I apologise for the delay in replying to your request. My responses to your three questions are as follows:

1. The practice known as 'courtsiding' is not a crime under New Zealand Law.
2. The request for this information is declined under Section 6(c) of the Official Information Act 1982 in that supplying the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences.
3. There was no dedicated "anti-courtsiding" operation during the 2015 Cricket World Cup. Any anti-courtsiding activity undertaken by Police was simply a part of the overall Policing response to this operation. Policing the 2015 Cricket World Cup was carried out as part of general policing duties and the costs of the District operations came out of their base-line funding.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



Superintendent Sandra Manderson  
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