

Office of Hon Mark Mitchell

Minister of Corrections
Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery
Minister of Police



OIA 24136

Do Kim

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Dear Do Kim

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 9 February 2024, in which you sought:

Can I please obtain all comms between Minister of Police and Police commissioner between 1 Nov 2023 to 8 February 2024.

Please find attached correspondence between me and the Commissioner of Police. It has been necessary to withhold some information from these documents under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(c) as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.
- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Mitchell'.

Hon Mark Mitchell
Minister of Police

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Mark >

Fri, 24 Nov at 11:09

Congratulations, Minister! I'll looking forward to working with you as Minister of Police and connecting soon. Kind regards
Andy

Thanks Andy will see you soon.
Kind Regards,
Mark

Thanks Minister. Appreciating you'll have plenty to think about, we have been cleared to provide our BIM to you, if you are keen to receive it. I could also connect in person any time you are ready. If you would like us to provide the BIM today, please just let me know where you would like that to come to.

Sat, 25 Nov at 07:10

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Sat, 25 Nov at 07:10

Thanks Andy I will pick the BIM up on Monday.
 I am watching this gang funeral for William Hines closely. We have signalled publically what the incoming governments policy's and approach to gangs and organised crime will be. I am available and can take a call at anytime if there is anything you wish to discuss. Monday can't come quick enough.

Yes, we have a robust plan in place for the funeral, s6(c)

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[Redacted] Thank you for the update. s9(2)(g)(i)

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Mark >

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Tue, 28 Nov at 18:15

Hi Minister. Just a heads up that Claire Trevett was waiting for me on the forecourt when I exited Parliament. She asked me a question or two, including whether I had offered my resignation, which I answered honestly. Hopefully it will get a straightforward coverage. Kind regards Andy

Ok thanks Andy.
I appreciated the time today. The meeting I was talking about on Thursday may be one with just myself, Paul Goldsmith and Judith Collins. I will confirm and let your office know asap.
Mark

Thanks Minister. I think that's been scheduled for tomorrow evening now. Either way, I will make myself available if that is helpful.



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Mark >

Ok great, sorry I'm in transit so haven't been updated.

Fri, 1 Dec at 13:16

Good afternoon Minister. Just a quick heads up that we are picking up on plans for protest activity next week, focused on the resumption of Parliament. It seems to be connected to Treaty-related provisions in the coalition agreements and planned for multiple locations, some that could be very disruptive (e.g Harbour Bridge). We are still firming up on information and will have a nationally coordinated response. We will update as more comes to hand. Happy to discuss. Kind regards Andy

Thanks Andy. Appreciate the update. I am about to board a flight out of Gisborne but will call you when I land.

Tue, 5 Dec at 08:18

Good morning Minister. Just an update on protest activity for you.



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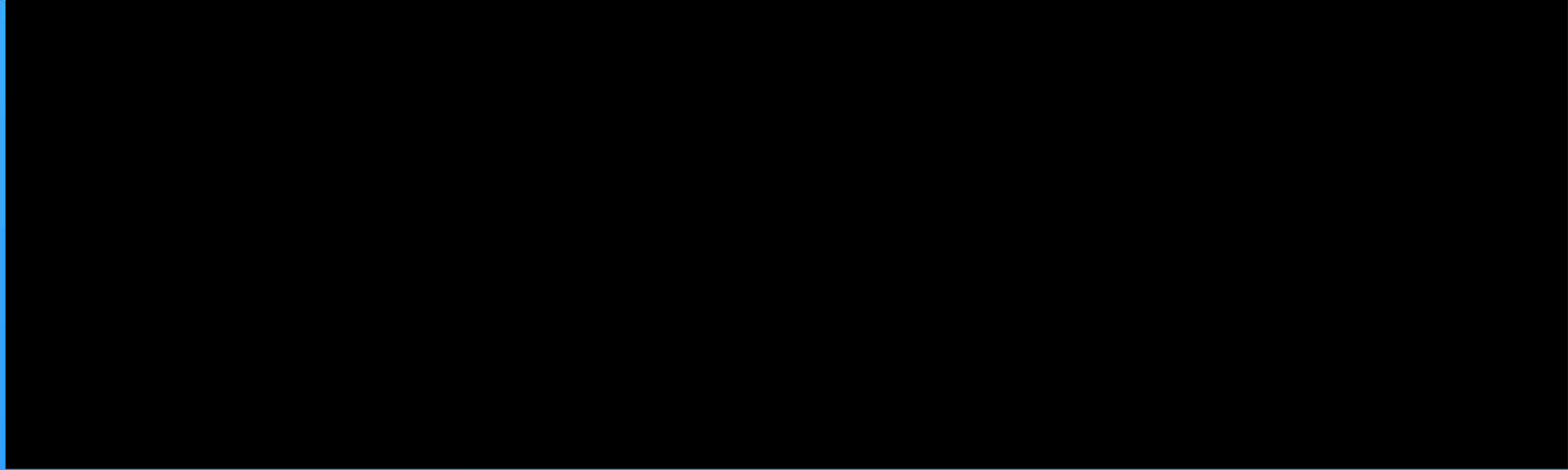
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Tue, 5 Dec at 08:18

Good morning Minister. Just an update on protest activity for you.

There have been various tactics used around the different locations. s6(c)



A rough summary as follows:

Auckland - approx 200 vehicles slow moving along motorway

Rangiriri Waikato - some protestors sat on highway but dispersed immediately once spoken to

Wgtn - 1000 approx at parliament

Wgtn - Convoy of 100 cars from Seaview driving to parliament

Rotorua - 500 plus gathered in CBD

Gisborne - 200 walked the three



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Rotorua - 500 plus gathered in CBD

Gisborne - 200 walked the three bridges and have now dispersed

Hastings - 200 at clock tower

Tauranga - 500 - walked along footpath no disruption

Whakatane - 200 no issues

Whangārei - 500 gathered now dispersing

Overall it has gone about as smoothly as we could expect so far.

Kind regards

Andy

Well done thanks Andy.



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Fri, 8 Dec at 16:39

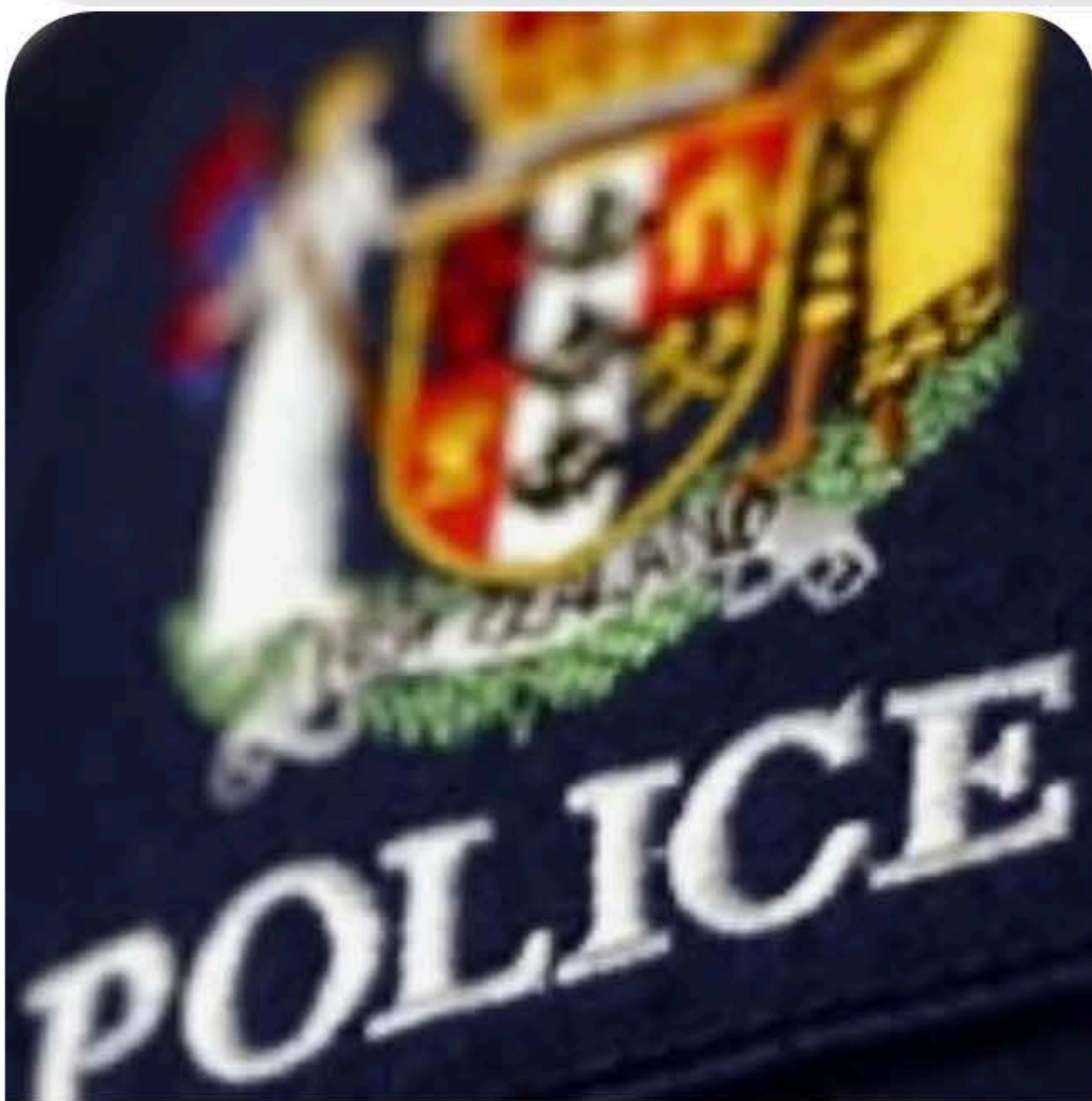
Hi Minister. If there's a moment that suits for a quick call, I'd be keen to give you a heads up a paper that may be going direct to Cabinet on Monday.

Hi Andy,
I'll call in about 20 minutes I'm with a group heading to the Napier airport and will call when I get there. Mark

Great thank you.

Sun, 10 Dec at 16:41

Thank you. This is great work.



Illegal street-racers



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Mark >



**Illegal street-racers
stopped in their tracks**

police.govt.nz

Thanks Minister. Yes the team's done a great job with that. I will pass on your acknowledgement. Cheers Andy

That would be great thanks Andy.

Mon, 11 Dec at 19:16

Andy thank you for being prepared to come up to Auckland on Saturday but with the demands on our time there must be times where family comes first. We can do a night shift in the New Year.

Thanks Minister. I think it's a great suggestion. I could definitely do 23 Dec - in your hands as to your preference for then or in the NY. Appreciate the time to talk today.

Tuesday 11:17

Hi Minister. You'll have gathered I'm sure about the (non-fatal)



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Tuesday 11:17

Hi Minister. You'll have gathered I'm sure about the (non-fatal) shooting overnight of a gang member in the course of an arrest process in Whanganui. s6(c)



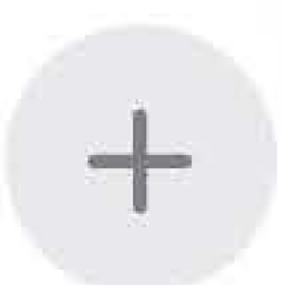
Will update with anything of note. Thanks Andy

Ok thank you for the update Commissioner.

Wednesday 11:09

Commisioner we are through our papers so no need to wait around if you have other obligations. Thanks for the meeting this morning.

Thanks Minister. They let us know



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Mark >

Thanks Minister. They let us know
👍 Have a good day.

Coming

You to 👍

Thursday 17:35

Hi Minister. Thanks for being at
the graduation today. s6(c)

We will update with
anything of note. Kind regards
Andy

Hi Commissioner,
I really enjoyed the Graduation
today. When we see fine young
kiwis bursting with pride at
wearing the blue uniforms it



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s6(c) [redacted] We will update with anything of note. Kind regards
Andy

Hi Commissioner,
I really enjoyed the Graduation today. When we see fine young kiwis bursting with pride at wearing the blue uniform it reminds me of why we do what we do.

Thank you for the update s6(c) [redacted]

Mark

Saturday 19:11

Hi Commissioner,
It appears like the operation in Whakatane is going very well. Could you please pass on my thanks to the Staff involved. Outstanding Policing. I have received very positive feedback. Thank you.
Mark

That's great to hear, thanks Minister. Yes, will do.

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Mark >

Sat, 16 Dec at 19:11

Hi Commissioner,
It appears like the operation in Whakatane is going very well. Could you please pass on my thanks to the Staff involved. Outstanding Policing. I have received very positive feedback. Thank you.
Mark

That's great to hear, thanks Minister. Yes, will do.

Mon, 25 Dec at 09:20

Wishing you and your family and very Merry Christmas Andy.

Thanks Minister. And also to you and yours. I hope you're enjoying some good downtime. Cheers
Andy

Tue, 2 Jan at 13:55

Commissioner is there anyone available that can provide me with information on the ^{s6(c)} ride in Auckland yesterday and what



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Mark >

Tue, 2 Jan at 15:55

Commisioner is there anyone available that can provide me with information on the s6(c) ride in Auckland yesterday and what action was taken. Not after the fact. At the time.

I'll come back to you on that shortly, Minister.

Thank you

Tue, 2 Jan at 15:16

Hi Minister.

Here is the background as I have it at this stage.

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They did a good job in very
challenging circumstances. s6(c)



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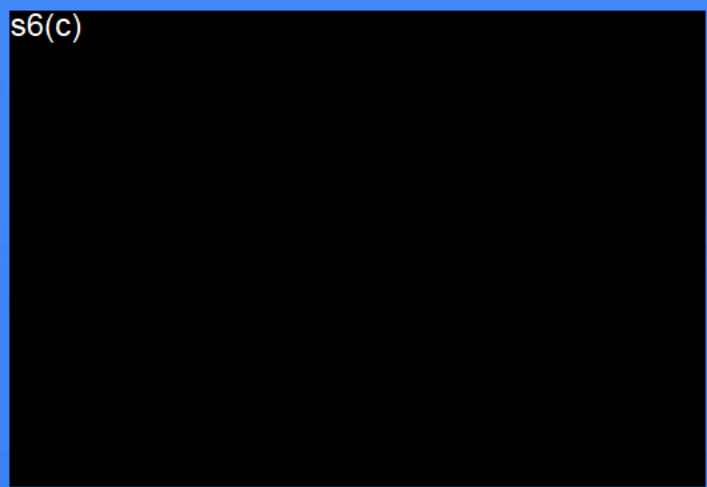


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There were 42 related calls for service and as a result of the proactive work done and arrests made, a proactive media release went out today, as linked here: <https://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/all-chained-police-disrupt-riders-south-auckland?ref=/news&search=&cmin=&cmax=>

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nothing so far.

I have asked for a debrief of this incident to ascertain whether there are better tactics we can adopt in the moment.

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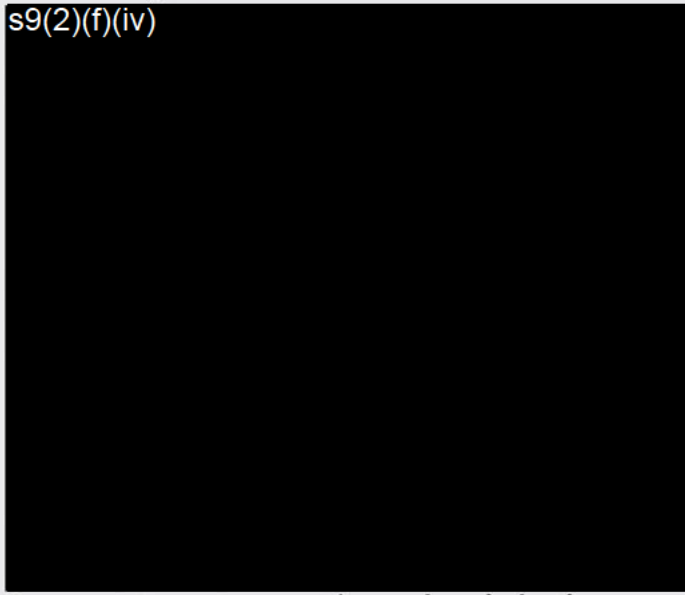


I am available to discuss.

Kind regards
Andy

Thank you.

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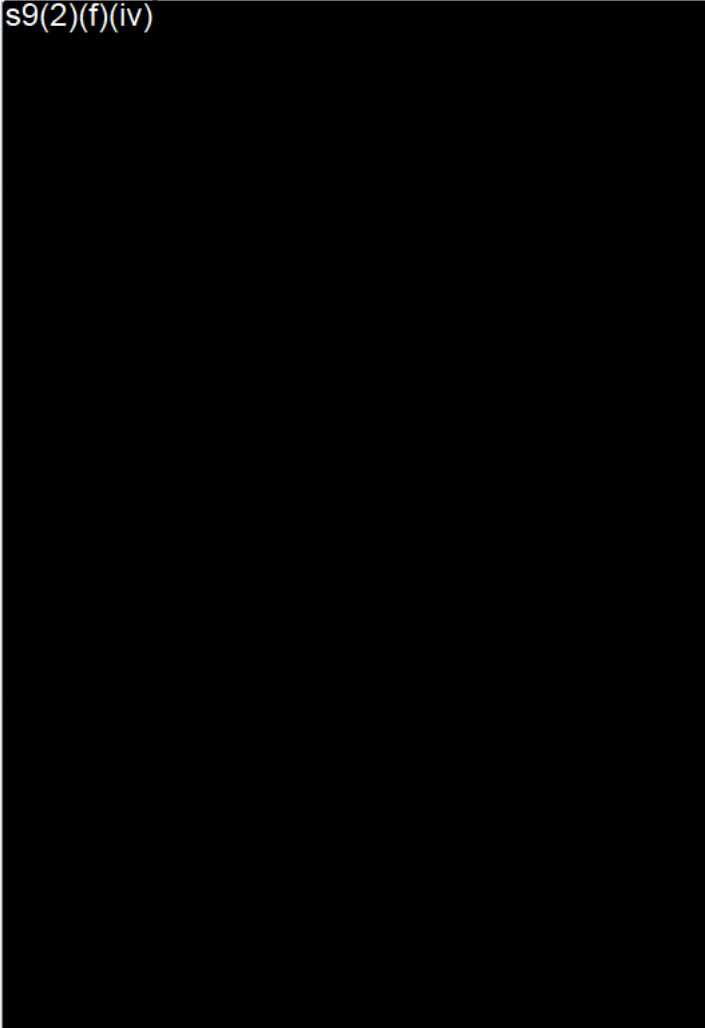


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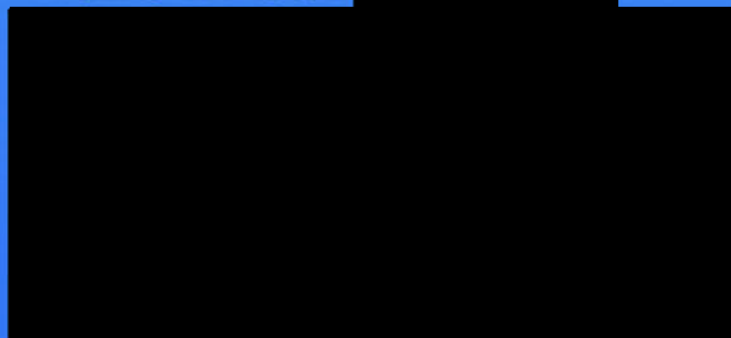
Thank you.

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Thanks Minister. s9(2)(f)(iv)

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Thanks Minister. s9(2)(f)(iv)

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Ok great thank you.



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Mark >

Friday 07:57



Armed offenders flee police for 100km after reported shooting

nzherald.co.nz

Appears to have been very good work by frontline staff, obviously proactively managing public safety whilst being effective in stopping and apprehending armed fleeing offenders.

Thanks Minister. Yes, excellent work. It was spiked three times and the carload of offenders arrested. No injuries. ^{s6(c)}

Great work.

Friday 10:51

Hi Minister, Leven will meet you



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Friday 10:51

Hi Minister. Jevon will meet you outside and we'll have someone translate for you as you walk on.

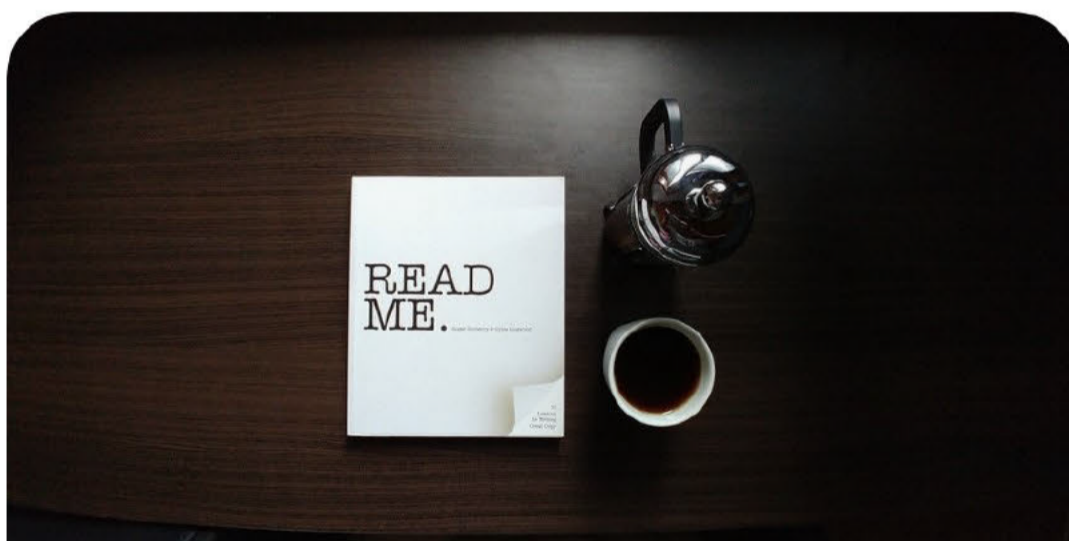
Saturday 13:26

Hi Minister.

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I am available for a call whenever suits you. Kind regards Andy

Hi Andy I am free now.



Data undermining Firearm Registry was not disclosed to Parliament.

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Saturday 15:07

Hi Minister. I understand we have provided a copy of our response



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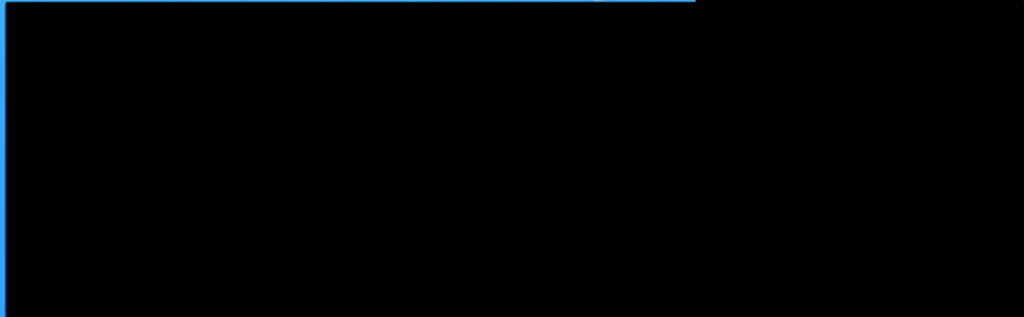


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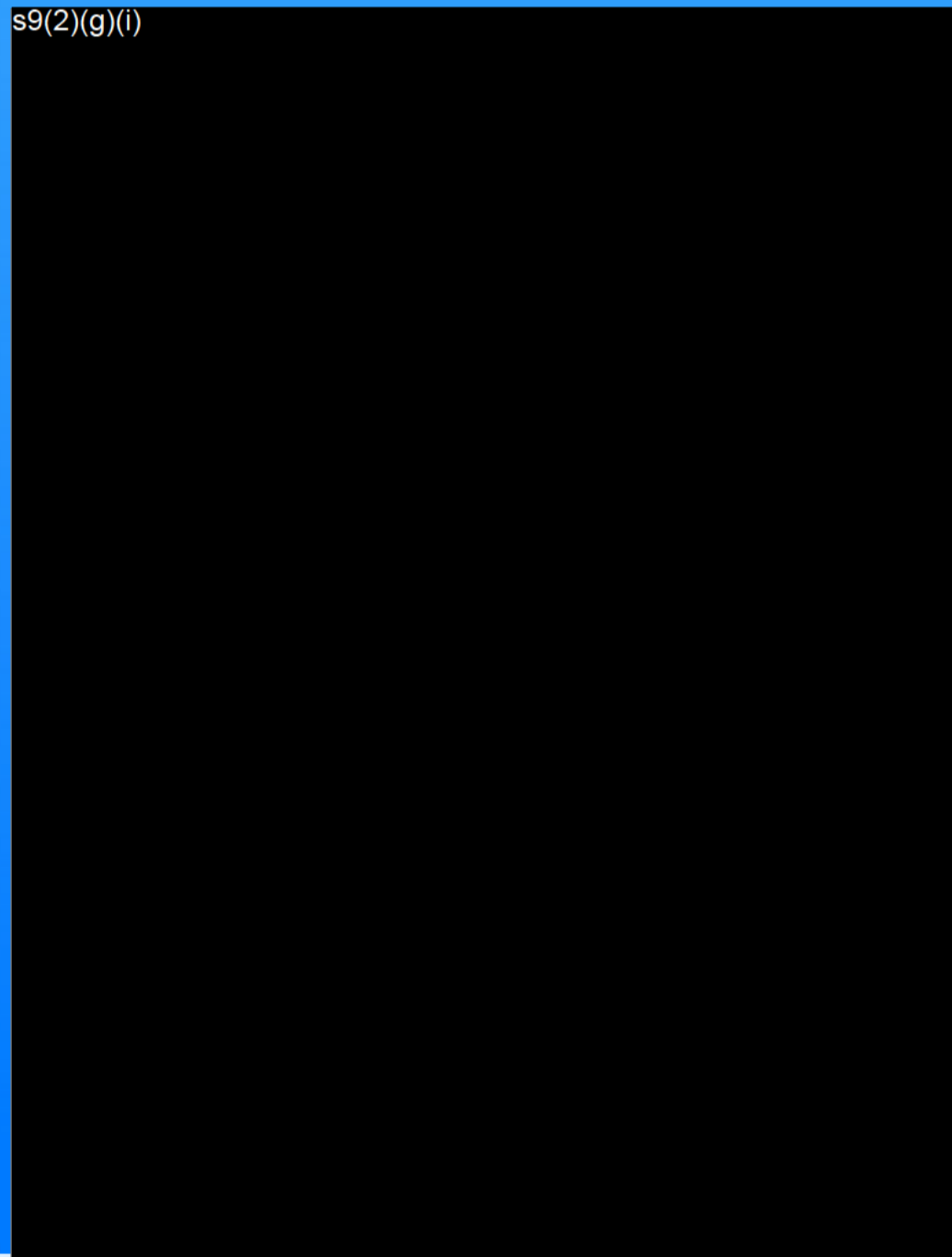
Hi Minister. I understand we have provided a copy of our response to this media release to your office. The relevant section of that is below this message.

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Kind regards Andy

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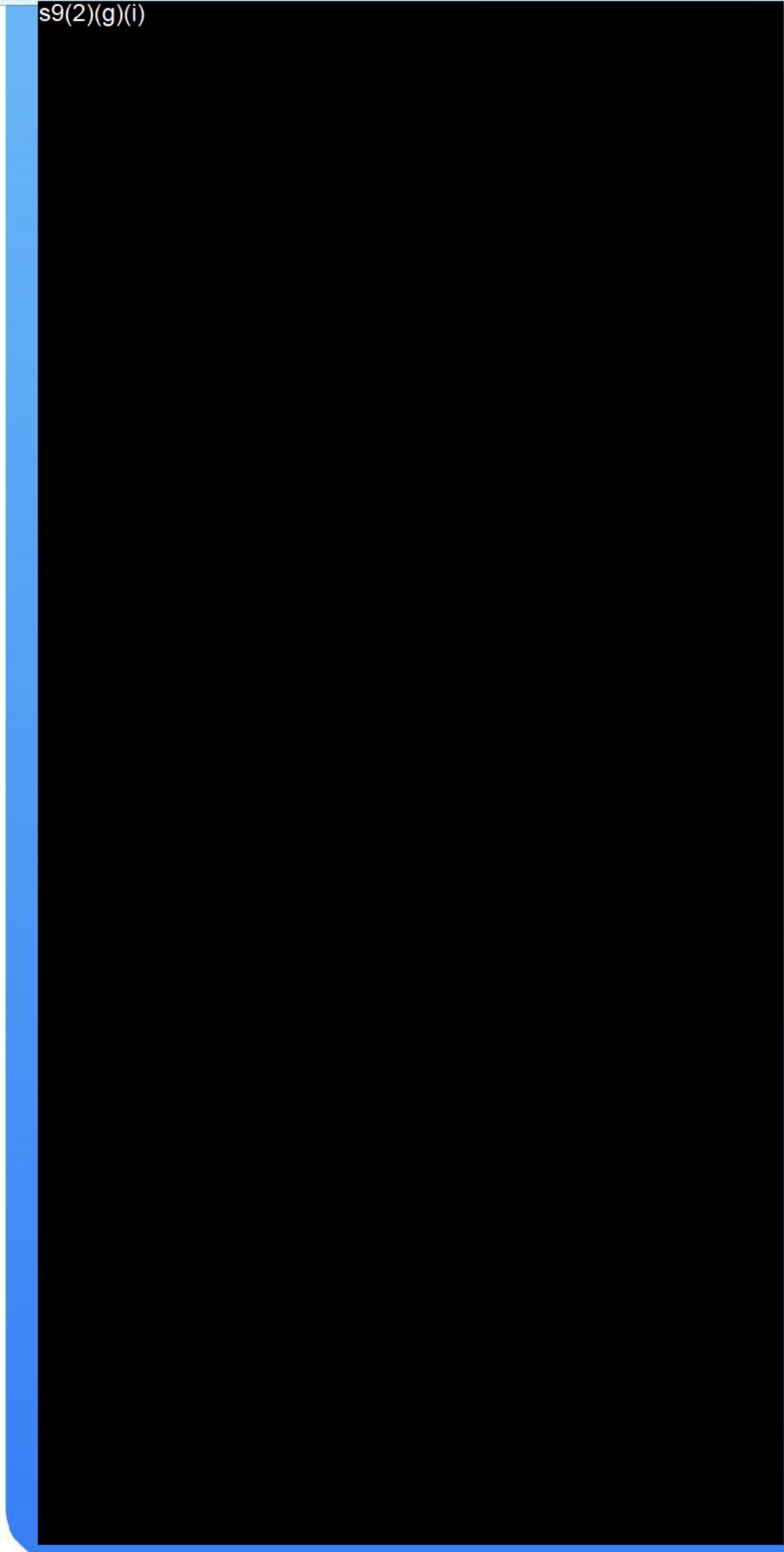


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Thank you, it better articulates what I have communicated to the Minister.



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Hon Mark >

database to search against for non-prohibited firearms.

Thank you, it better articulates what I have communicated to the Minister.

Sun, 28 Jan at 15:17

Commissioner I will be on the AM show tomorrow talking about Gang problems and in particular the current tensions between the Head Hunters and Mongrel Mob. Is there any information that I can share publically about how we are proactively dealing with this?

Yes, absolutely. We will get some talking points together for you, Minister.

Thank you.

I have just been up at the Micheal Hill Jewellers in the Silverdale for a welfare check. The Police response was almost immediate and determined and after a 20 minute pursuit the alleged offender was in custody. The work



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Hon Mark >

Thank you.

I have just been up at the Micheal Hill Jewellers in the Silverdale for a welfare check. The Police response was almost immediate and determined and after a 20 minute pursuit the alleged offender was in custody. The work Rob Fyfe has done to include ballistic glass in the store cabinets meant it defeated the offenders hammer attack. Outstanding work by the staff involved.

That's awesome to hear 

Sun, 28 Jan at 21:21

Commissioner is there any information available for my morning media?

Sun, 4 Feb at 20:34

Hi Minister. Directions as follows:
- from Paihia towards Waitangi
- turn left at roundabout before reaching bridge (onto SH11)
- travel a bit over 4km on SH11



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Sun, 4 Feb at 20:34

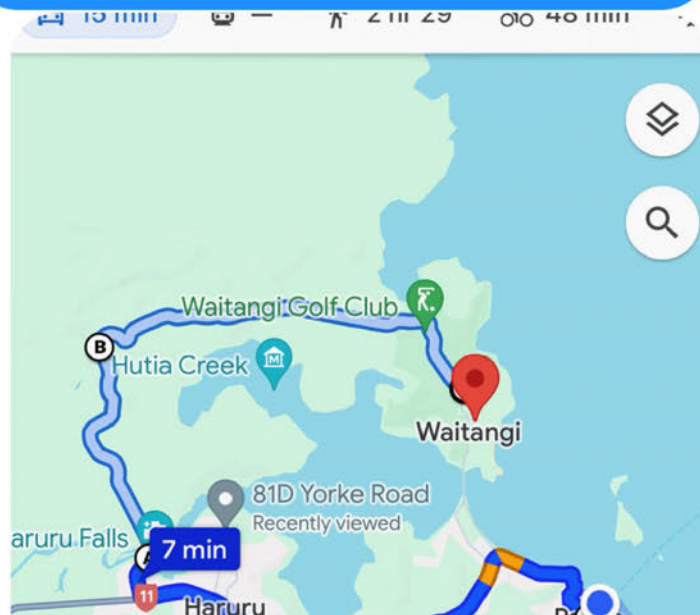
Hi Minister. Directions as follows:

- from Paihia towards Waitangi
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- travel a bit over 4km on SH11
- turn right into Haruru Falls Rd
- follow Haruru Falls Rd, past the Waitangi golf course and you will come in at the top of the Treaty grounds
- follow Tau Henare Dr down to the gathering point

Outline map following.

Cheers

Andy



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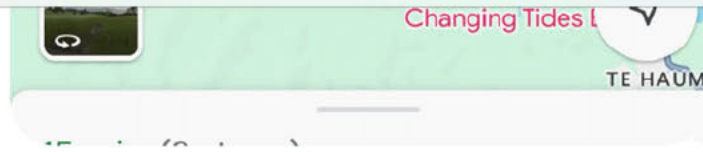


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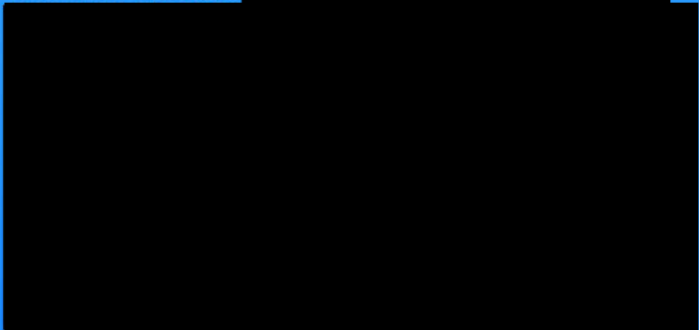
Thank you

If the road is still open at the time, it's obviously okay to go that way but the other way is the reliable option.

Ok thank you

Tue, 6 Feb at 11:31

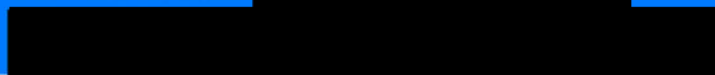
Hi Minister. ^{s6(c)}



Thanks for the engagement with staff over the last few days. It will have been appreciated. Kind regards
Andy

Tue, 6 Feb at 20:14

Hi Minister. ^{s6(c)}



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Hon Mark >

Tue, 6 Feb at 20:14

Hi Minister. s6(c)



Cheers

Andy

Hi Commissioner,
Thank you this is great work. And I see staff were very professional and effective in dealing with a protest in Christchurch today. Please pass on my thanks and let me know if you need me for anything.
Great catch-up over Waitangi and I really appreciated the chance to see and meet the team.
Mark

👍 thanks Minister

Thursday 16:36

Hi Minister. If you have a moment for a quick call, I'd be keen to



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Hon Mark >

Thursday 16:36

Hi Minister. If you have a moment for a quick call, I'd be keen to connect briefly ahead of the retail crime meeting scheduled for Saturday. Kind regards Andy

Thursday 19:20

Hi Minister. I should have the contact details you requested shortly. It would be great if I could give you some context on that when it suits you to call. Cheers Andy



Police presence at Christchurch mosques after phone threat

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Thanks Minister. s9(2)(a) is the main Imam there. I suspect it's him we've been unable to reach I



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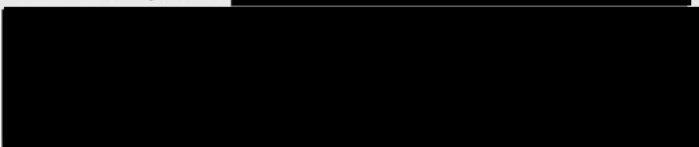
Thanks Minister. s9(2)(a) is the main Imam there. I suspect it's him we've been unable to reach. I will confirm and pass details when I have them.

s9(2)(a)



This is him. You'd have met him I'm sure.

Thank you. s9(2)(g)(i)



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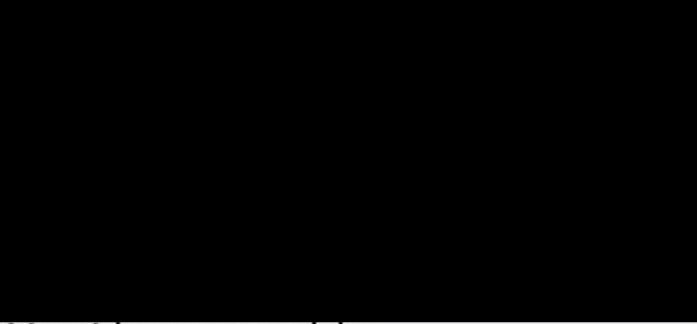
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Hon Mark >

Thank you. s9(2)(g)(i)



Yes I have met him.

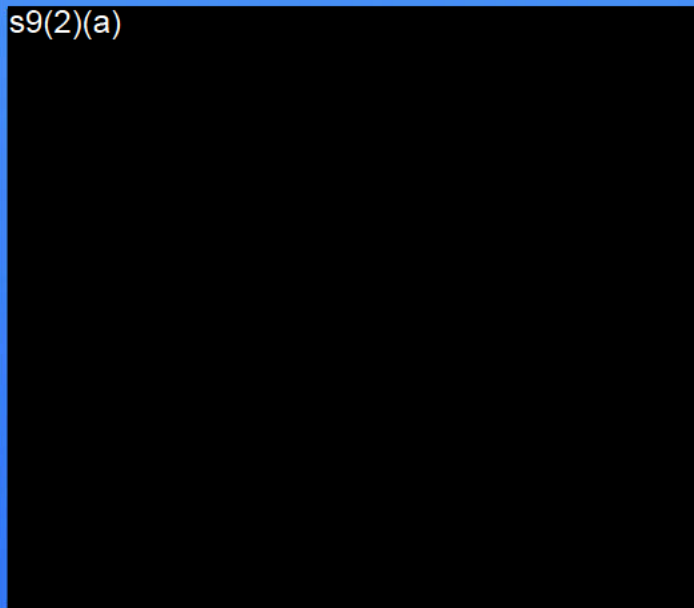
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All good thanks
Minister.

Thanks for the effort.

Hi Minister. The district has confirmed the Imams are happy for their details to be shared. Their details as follows:

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Hon Mark >

s9(2)(a)

Sorry for the delay in getting that resolved.

Cheers

Andy

Ok great thank you.

Have spoken to s9(2)(a)
They have my contact details now
and will meet with them next time
I'm in Christchurch. s9(2)(a) didn't
pick up.
They are thankful for the Police
responce.

Good to hear 👍



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