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Tēnā koe Chris

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 20 February 2024. You requested:

*We see on Facebook your car was painted with different colours at krishna holi festival. What was the cost of cleaning the paint off the police car and the uniform*

Police were delighted to be present at the Krishna Holi Festival of Colours in Kumeū, an event which attracted an estimated 15,000 people. In Police's role to ensure the public are safe and feel safe, we engage with the communities we are part of and serve. Police anticipated that our uniforms and vehicles would be part of the fun.

Police has been attending such enjoyable cultural events for some years and staff are always briefed to use old or disused Police clothing to negate unnecessary cost. The paints used were made from food-grade corn starch and therefore could be washed away with water.

Police is unable to provide a specific cost for cleaning the paint as there is no unique cost associated with the cleaning of Police garments and vehicles from the festival. Cleaning is a routine task to keep our assets in optimum condition, a cost of which is accommodated by the overall Police operating budget.

Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by the Police and I have no grounds for believing that the information is either held by or connected more closely with the functions of another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or a local authority.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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