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Dear Mr Stonley

Thank you for your email dated 29 September 2015 seeking additional information about studies into the lethality (alleged) of Taser devices.

I have answered each of your four requests as below.

1. *Please provide an index of all documents you refer to in your [previous] response. In particular, I would like an index of the "publicly available research, evaluation and information, manufacturer specific information, other law enforcement agency information, and input from our own operating environment information."*

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982. Your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as an index of documents does not exist.

New Zealand Police, as part of maintaining operational best practice, regularly reviews information relating to Taser use that is sometimes posted on the internet. There is no index of specific materials kept by New Zealand Police. Instead, like any other internet user, New Zealand Police reviews publicly available information as it is posted from time to time.

2. *Where any of the indexed documents are not publicly available, please provide a copy of it.*

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982. Your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as an index of documents does not exist.

3. *For clarification, please also provide an index of the documents referred to when stated that "there are a variety of independent and internal Police use of force monitoring regimes".*

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

The original response to Ms Rakete relating to the variety of independent and internal Police use of force monitoring regimes never referred to any

documents falling within the scope of this part of her original request. Your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as an index of documents does not exist.

The independent and internal Police use of force monitoring regimes referred to in our first response include:

- the Independent Police Conduct Authority;
- Courts of New Zealand;
- New Zealand Police Professional Standards;
- New Zealand Police criminal investigations;
- New Zealand Police policies relating to the reporting of use of force.

4. *Please do the same as point (2) for the index of point (3).*

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982. Point 3 (above) explains that there is no reference to documents relating to the independent and internal Police use of force monitoring regimes and there is no index. Your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as an index of documents does not exist.

New Zealand Police publicly and transparently publish use of force and use of tactical options data, including Taser data. Please visit the police website (<http://www.police.govt.nz>) to view these publications.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsmen and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



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