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Kia ora Paul

Official Information Act request dated 3 March 2026

We refer to your email dated 3 March 2026 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**). Answers to your specific requests are set out below.

Request: Recently hosts on Newstalk ZB and individuals connected to lobby group the Tax Payers Union made claims that an unnamed TVNZ Executive reached out to Police Minister Mark Mitchell to apologise over coverage INews had where they pointed out that gang numbers now exceed police numbers despite a public promise this would not happen from the Prime Minister.

I am using this OIA to request any information in relation to communications to the Police commissioner from any TVNZ executive or management apologising for any coverage relating to crime data. Or confirmation that no such communication exists.

Response: TVNZ has publicly confirmed that it was its Political Editor who contacted Minister Mitchell's office the morning after the INews gang numbers story to advise that victim-of-crime data should have been included. No TVNZ executive or any other management had any contact with Minister Mitchell about this issue, and your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the Act (no further information exists).

We trust the above information assists.

If you are dissatisfied with this response section 28 of the Act provides you with the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman in order to seek an investigation and review.

Yours sincerely,
Official Information Requests Team
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