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Dear S.I

Information Request

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 27 March 2026, in which you requested the following information:

- 1. A breakdown of work hours spent by police over the course of this operation, including any time spent during the prosecution of the offenders i.e time spent in court, case management etc.*
- 2. The total dollar amount of police salary and overtime costs associated to those work hours*
- 3. The total dollar amount of the entire operation including any additional costs incurred for surveillance, investigations, translators, accountants etc.*

Due to the nature of Police time recording, a 'breakdown of work hours' is not captured or recorded specific to an investigation. Investigators do not record the number of hours they spend on specific case files and will usually work across a number of files concurrently. Therefore, the 'total dollar amount' cannot be provided as it is unable to be determined.

In some instances, working hours and overtime (including that for translators and solicitors) can be assigned a project code, however project codes are not a mandatory requirement and there is no project code associated with Operation Chartreuse.

Therefore, in relation to questions 1, 2 & 3, as the information requested is not held by Police your requests are refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the OIA.

As previously advised questions 4 & 5 were transferred to the Official Assignee for response.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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