



Ref: 16/3231

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Mr Sutherland

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Dear Sir

I write in response to your Official Information Act request of 8 March 2016, received by Police via email on 11 April, in which you sought the following information.

1. The total cost incurred to the taxpayer of all Police, Royal New Zealand Airforce and any other government resources used in the annual cannabis aerial recovery operation in the top of the South and West Coast dated 7 March, in which 9000 cannabis plants were recovered. Please give as much details to split out the costs between each agency, as well as costs of all man hours involved.

In respect of your question regarding the cost of the Royal New Zealand Airforce participation in relation to the annual cannabis recovery operation, this information is not held by Police. This part of your request has been transferred to the Royal New Zealand Airforce pursuant to section 14(b)(1) of the Official Information Act 1982.

In respect of the Police costs for this operation, including man hours, this information is not collated or held therefore your request is refused pursuant to section 18(f) Official Information Act 1982. Police do not allocate hours against tasks in our time recording system.

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

R T Drew  
Detective Superintendent  
National Manager  
National Criminal Investigations Group