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Dear Mr Carroll

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 7 November 2016 for information on Police's Highway Patrol staff numbers.

You requested:

1. Please provide the numbers of staff, both sworn and non-sworn, allocated to the Highway Patrol in each of New Zealand's twelve police districts for each year since the Highway Patrol was established in 2000 - 2001.

The following table provides the positions allocated to district Highway Patrol units since they were established until 2016.

2001 – 2008

District	Allocated Positions
Northland	18
Waitemata*	17
Counties Manukau*	9
Waikato	31
Bay of Plenty	31
Eastern	16
Central	34
Wellington	14
Tasman	18
Canterbury	20
Southern	17
Total	225

*Prior to 2004/5 Waitemata and Counties Manukau Highway Patrol units were combined into a single Auckland patrol group of 27 staff.

October 2008 – 2015

District	Allocated Positions
Northland	18
Waitemata	17
Counties Manukau	9
Waikato	33
Bay of Plenty	32
Eastern	16
Central	36

Wellington	14
Tasman	21
Canterbury	20
Southern	17
Total	234

August 2015 - Present

District	Allocated Positons
Northland	18
Waitemata	21
Counties Manukau	10
Waikato	34
Bay of Plenty	13
Eastern	16
Central	42
Wellington	15
Tasman	18
Canterbury	23*
Southern	17
Total	227

*Includes one Police employee.

With the exception of the single Police employee in Canterbury District from August 2015, the number of Police employees assigned exclusively to Highway Patrol units is not reported. Therefore this part of your request is refused, pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, in that the information requested is not held.

Please note that Auckland City District does not have a Highway Patrol unit because its state highways are covered by the Motorways unit operating out of Waitemata.

It is also important to note that the number of Highway Patrol positions may change as a result of an overall reduction in dedicated road policing positions following the level of funding available from the 2015-2018 Road Policing Programme.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

Superintendent Steve Greally
National Manager Road Policing