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Emmy Rākete

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Dear Ms Rākete,

**Official Information Act 1982 request**

I refer to your email to Police dated 30 November 2016 where you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 for the following information:

*“Provide the biannual tactical options research report for 1 January - 30 June 2015 (Biannual tactical options research report #8.)*

*Provide the biannual tactical options research report for 1 July - 31 December 2015 (Biannual tactical options research report #9.)*

*Provide the annual tactical options research report for 1 January - 31 December 2015 (Annual tactical options research report #4.)*

*Provide all internal communications or documents regarding why these reports were not made available to the public.*

*Provide the biannual tactical options research report for 1 January - 30 June 2016 (Biannual tactical options research report #10.)*

*Provide all raw data being used in the creation of the biannual tactical options research report for 1 July - 31 December 2016.”*

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 the information you have requested does not exist.

The most recent Tactical Options Research Reports were published in July 2015 which reported on the use of tactical options for the 2014 calendar year. Police intend to continue to publish the annual Tactical Options Research Reports. However a technical fault occurred with the Tactical Options Reporting (TOR) database which has delayed the production of the report on the use of tactical options in 2015. The technical fault has been fixed, however there are carry-on issues which are still being resolved. We are trying to resolve these issues as quickly as possible, however at the moment I cannot provide you with an estimate of when the next reports will be available.

Police consider the release of the Tactical Options Research reports to be critical in ensuring transparency of Police use of force and an important part of maintaining public trust and confidence. Police will publish the next annual report in the usual manner on the Police website, when it becomes available.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Scahill', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Superintendent Chris Scahill  
National Manager: Response and Operations