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Dear Mike

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982 : FILE 17-2045

I refer to your request of 27th February 2017 where you sought information relating to current sworn officer numbers and the impact of the proposed new recruitment levels, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982.

I provide the following responses to your specific questions:

- 1: *The total number of sworn Officers in NZ?*
- 2: *The Total number of sworn officers in the Auckland Council area?*
- 3: *The total number of sworn officers assigned to Traffic Duties between 0600 & 0100 hrs in that area?*
- 4: *The total number of sworn officers assigned to General Duties between 0600 & 0100 hrs in that area?*
- 5: *The total number of sworn officers assigned & designated Detective between 0600 & 0100 hrs in that area?*
- 6: *How will the 1000 new recruits be distributed throughout NZ & does this represent crimes reported or population?*
- 7: *How great is the problem of recruiting sworn officers for rural areas & what initiatives are you taking to solve this problem?*

Question 1. The active Constabulary headcount for all of New Zealand is shown in the table below. This number includes some Authorised Officers and Temporary Sworn staff, but no Casual staff or Recruits.

District	Constabulary Headcount @ 280217
Total NZP	8,947

Question 2. The active Constabulary headcount for the Auckland, Counties/Manukau and Waitemata areas is shown in the table below. This number includes some Authorised Officers and Temporary Sworn staff, but no Casual staff or Recruits. The headcount of all three Police Districts is shown because of any overlaps in the Auckland Council Area and coverage by New Zealand Police groups.

District	Constabulary Headcount @ 280217
Auckland City	791
Counties / Manukau	1,062
Waitemata	730

Question .3, 4, and 5. The information held by Police which is relevant to your request is in the nature of 'raw data' and is not held in the aggregated statistical level requested. The Official Information Act does not require an organisation to create information in order to respond to a request. To provide the information you request, Police would need to conduct research of source data to generate fresh information in a form different from that in which the base data is held.

Police therefore refuses your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested is not held by Police.

New Zealand Police routinely creates statistical, aggregated and trending information to address both business requirements and areas of significant public interest.

Our most useful statistical measures are freely available from the links below :

<http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publications-statistics>

<http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/annual-report-2016>


Question 6. Police is currently developing its methodology for the allocation of the Government's investment in Policing so this information is not yet available

Question 7. Police is confident that it will be able to recruit required numbers in all parts of the country to meet desired growth levels, including rural areas. To ensure that this happens Police is currently updating its attraction strategy to ensure growth targets are met.

New recruits can only be accommodated in stations that can provide the range of experience and supervision levels required to complete their development. Therefore, in some rural stations any desired growth may be achieved by transferring existing employees from other stations rather than direct recruitment into remote areas.

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

Yours sincerely



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