

15 May 2017

Jonathan Tyler
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Dear Mr Tyler

I refer to your requests of 3 and 7 April to Police and your request partially transferred from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) on 13 April. Your request and Police's response is as follows:

1. Is there a police group actively seeking offenders on high priority warrants?

Please note that your request of 7 April and your partially transferred request from MoJ also requests this information. There is no one group solely tasked with the apprehension of persons who have an active warrant to arrest. Individual Police Districts are responsible for the identification of persons with active warrants to arrest and the prioritisation of assigning resources to and actively seek out that person and execute the warrant.

2. How many offenders commit crimes whilst a warrant is active?

Please note that your request of 7 April also requests this information. As at 18 April 2017 there were 1,674 individuals linked as offenders to offences that took place during the time their warrant to arrest alert was active.

3. How many New Zealanders have an active warrant at one time?

As at 18 April 2017, there were 14,182 individuals with an active warrant to arrest alert entered against their name in the National Intelligence Application.

4. How much time is spent by general duties officers looking for offenders with warrants?

This information is not recorded so the New Zealand Police are unable to provide you an answer to this request. This request is therefore declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information is not held.

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



Inspector Stephen King
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