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By email: fyi-request-6856-31efffb3@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Francis

Official Information Act 1982 request

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 request dated 20 November 2017 in which you requested:

1. *When did Police introduce an electronic record-keeping system?*
2. *Since the introduction of its electronic record-keeping system, have Police conducted any investigations with similarities to the Peter Ellis/Christchurch Civic Creche case? (That is, have multiple children made sexual abuse allegations about multiple offenders in a creche or daycare setting?)*
3. *If so, how many cases have Police investigated, what year did any investigation(s) take place and were any alleged offenders prosecuted?*

Please note that I am requesting all information held by Police, including information held in the minds of those responding to this request.

1. *When did Police introduce an electronic record-keeping system?*

As previously advised via email, in 1976 the NZ Police switched on the Law Enforcement System (LES) (colloquially known as the Wanganui computer), which enabled police to do electronic record-keeping. This facility was further enhanced with the roll out of the National Intelligence Application (NIA) in 2005 and LES was switched off.

When this occurred only active cases were transferred across to NIA. This case was not active at that time.

2. *Since the introduction of its electronic record-keeping system, have Police conducted any investigations with similarities to the Peter Ellis/Christchurch Civic Creche case? (That is, have multiple children made sexual abuse allegations about multiple offenders in a creche or daycare setting?)*

This information is not recorded in Police statistical data. To respond would require a manual search of all files involving child witnesses to ascertain any of the similarities you identify above. Therefore this part of your request has been refused pursuant to s 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

As per your application for information held in the minds of those responding to your request, an email was sent to all Specialist Child Witness Interviewers and Child Protection Coordinators throughout the country asking for any knowledge of such cases. To date, there has been one response which has identified a case regarding a daycare where allegations of sexual abuse were made by multiple children about one offender.

3. If so, how many cases have Police investigated, what year did any investigation(s) take place and were any alleged offenders prosecuted?

The case identified was investigated in 1992. The alleged offender was prosecuted.

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



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