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Dear Mr Lock

On 28 May 2018 you sent a follow-up email as you considered there was no response to your original question "Why is the revocation of firearms licences a performance measure".

Our records show that revocation of firearms licences has been used as one of a changing suite of performance measures for some time. Our research identifies it being in use from the 2002/2003 financial year. Specific reasons for why this particular measure was chosen is not readily available without considerable research.

However, in general terms there are numerous reasons for why particular, quality, quantity and timeliness measures are chosen. They include providing the public with evidence that regulatory obligations are being delivered, the timeliness and quality of services, the extent the measure provides information about effectiveness of regulatory interventions, availability of reliable data, and the ability of the measure to provide information on the effectiveness or otherwise of strategic interventions taken by Police or other agencies.

As advised in our original response of 25 January, the output measures for the 2018/19 were under normal annual review. I can now advise that NZ Police has reviewed its entire set of output measures with the goal of creating a more balanced set of measures across the quantity, quality and timeliness dimensions of performance.

As a result of that particular review the Arms Act related measures have been changed as have several other measures. The new set of measures are contained in the 2018/19 Budget documents that are publicly available on the attached link:

<https://www.budget.govt.nz/budget/pdfs/estimates/v7/est18-v7-police.pdf>

I trust this information satisfies your request. If not, you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and reviews of my decision.

Yours sincerely

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