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Dear Ross,

Request for information - IR-01-18-14181

Thank you for your request dated 12/09/2018. You requested:

1. In November 1997, former Detective Colin Eade told reporter Melanie Reid that there were "more than ten offenders" in the Christchurch Civic Creche (Peter Ellis) case. Exactly how many suspected offenders did Police identify and how many of these were female?
2. Were any of the 20 child complainants given diagnostic interviews? If so, how many of the child complainants underwent such interviews?
3. How many formal evidential interviews did each of the complainants undergo?

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982. We are unable to provide the requested information for the following reasons:

- Section 18(f): The information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. It has been estimated that it would take an officer 116 hours to simply locate the information requested in the 29 large boxes that contain the file. This would be at the expense of the large number of current investigation files that require attention by Police.

If you have any questions, you may contact
Canterbury.InformationRequests@police.govt.nz.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request.

Yours sincerely,

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