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Dear Mr Johnstone

I refer to the email dated 13 November 2018 that you sent to the New Zealand Police where you sought information pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982.

You specifically asked for the following information:

- *Please provide a breakdown of the number of dogs fatally shot by NZ police officers in last 5 years whilst carrying out searches of private property.*

Table one below provides a count of the number of dogs fatally shot while carrying out searches of private premises, and table 2 on page two provides data on the number of dogs shot while a search of private property was being undertaken, but without fatality confirmed.

**Table 1. Count of dogs fatally shot during a search of private premises to execute an arrest warrant or search warrant, from 2013 – 16 November 2018**

Year	Arrest Warrant	Search Warrant
2013	0	0
2014	0	0
2015	1	0
2016	0	2
2017	0	1
2018	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

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**Table 2. Count of dogs shot but fatality unconfirmed during a search of private premises to execute an arrest warrant or search warrant, from 2013 – 16 November 2018**

Year	Arrest Warrant	Search Warrant
2013	0	0
2014	0	0
2015	0	0
2016	0	0
2017	1	0
2018	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

The above data includes Tactical Option on Animal(s) reports which had completed the review process as at 16 November 2018. Reports were included where the location was *not* reported as 'Outdoor public area', 'Police public counter', 'Police van' or 'Street/Highway/Motorway' and the reason for attending was to execute a search warrant or warrant to arrest, as stated in the report narrative.

Yours sincerely



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