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Our Reference: IR-01-18-16744

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Dear Mr Hanna

Thank you for your email of 17 January 2018 regarding the recent response you received to your OIA request (20 December 2018, IR-01-18-16744). My answers to your questions are outlined below.

Could you please clarify for me the grounds under which my request would be refused if I do not agree to pay the fee?

Should you not agree to pay for the data requested in your most recent OIA, your request will be refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information you requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to review this decision.

Please provide me with a breakdown of the estimated costs for releasing the information I have requested?

It is important to note that the datasets for your previous request took 10-12 hours to complete, not one hour or less as you appear to believe. This is based on the time (not costs) it took our analysts to extract and collate, partially recode, identify and remove duplicate information, apply necessary redactions and, to complete a reasonably required peer review in order to ensure the previous tasks were completed correctly.

Police do have robust recording processes in place. However, while there are guidelines in place, some officers may provide information in a non-standard way which must then be standardised in order to be analysed as a whole, while also remaining consistent and comparable against data from previous periods. Therefore this needs to be worked through to ensure data is presented in a meaningful way. This process must occur each time new data is extracted. As what you have requested is the raw data, which is the entirety of the extractable data for the requested period, this process must be completed on a large number of records and is time consuming.

Police provided you with the information for your first request (24 October 2017, 16/7758/11) as we considered this to be a one-off request and wanted to be helpful. With your second request (28 August 2018, IR-01-18-5190), it became apparent that you may

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be requesting this information on a regular basis and therefore, after consultation within Police, it was used as an exercise to fully understand the time and resource requirement. As we now have a greater understanding of how time consuming it is to provide this information, we have decided to implement a charge for your request based in the Ministry of Justice guidelines ([Justice Ministry OIAS charging guidelines](#)).

As advised in our previous letter to you, should you decide to refine your request, which will reduce the dataset to more specific information, such as TASER or firearms, we can consider providing this information based on the requests individual merits.

New Zealand Police produce TOR data in the form of a calendar year annual Use of Force report (using this dataset) which is made publically available. This may meet your needs without you having to analyse the data yourself. The annual report covering 2018 will likely be published mid-2019.

Yours sincerely



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