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Dear Mr Luke

Request for Information

Thank you for your letter dated 28/02/2019 requesting information on the operations of the Waitemata Police Asian Reference Group. You requested:

1. I would like to know if Waitemata Police Asian Reference Group still in operation and who is the current member on this reference group. Also how can public express their interest to join this group? How often this group meet and discuss issue, are they any meeting notes available.

Your request has been referred to me and re-considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

I can advise you that the current correct name of the group you are seeking information about is the Asian Advisory Board (the board). The board was established to align with the purpose of police having safer communities together and in that spirit working with Ethnic Community Group Leaders and meeting with them three or four times a year to discuss issues of concern and to try and make sure their groups feel supported by police and to make their communities safer. The current board was reinvigorated in 2017 by Assistant Commissioner Tusha Penny who was the Waitemata District Commander at that time. Attached are the minutes of the current board from 2017 to 2019.

Anyone interested in being a member of the board could write to an existing member of the board detailing their interest in becoming a board member and supplying details of their standing as a leader in an ethnic community for consideration.

I am pleased to enclose the following information for you:

Waitemata District

7 Buscomb Ave, Henderson, Auckland
Telephone: . . . www.police.govt.nz

- Waitemata District Strategic Ethnic Reference Group minutes. 21/06/2017.
- Waitemata District Strategic Ethnic Reference Group minutes. 29/08/2017.
- Waitemata District Strategic Ethnic Advisory Board minutes. 14/11/2017.
- Waitemata District Strategic Ethnic Advisory Board minutes. 19/03/2018.
- Waitemata District Strategic Ethnic Advisory Board minutes. 24/07/2018.
- Waitemata District Strategic Ethnic Advisory Board “Strategy, Implementation, Outcomes” minutes. 04/04/2019.
- Waitemata District Strategic Ethnic Advisory Board “Strategy, Implementation, Outcomes” minutes. 04/07/2019.
- Waitemata District Strategic Ethnic Advisory Board “Strategy, Implementation, Outcomes” minutes. 03/10/2019.

I am unable to provide some of the information (such as the work addresses of the community members and the identity of a police employee in the minutes of 24 July 2018) you have requested for the following reasons:

- To protect the privacy of natural persons, section 9(2) (a) of the Official Information Act refers.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at Jessica.phuang@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



P.P
Jessica Phuang
Ethnic Responsiveness Manager
Tamaki Makarau