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Dear Mr O'Riley

I am writing to you in response to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request submitted on 11 March 2019. You requested:

(1) The total number of times a firearm has been directed towards an offender by Police.

(1,a) A breakdown of the ethnicity of offenders who have had a firearm directed towards them.

(2) The total number of times that a firearm has been discharged at an offender by Police.

(2,a) A breakdown of the ethnicity of offenders who have had a discharged towards them.

(3) The total number of times that a taser has been directed towards an offender by Police.

(3,a) A breakdown of the ethnicity of offenders who have had a taser directed towards them.

(4) The total number of times that a taser has been discharged at an offender by Police.

(4,a) A breakdown of the ethnicity of offenders who have had a taser discharged towards them."

My response is as follows:

As no timeframe for this information was provided, and we were unable to ascertain a response regarding the timeframes, we have provided a response that covers the 2017 calendar year. The information you have requested for the 2018 calendar year will soon be publically available in the 2018 Annual TOR report.

Questions 1, 1a, 2 and 2a – Firearms presentations and shots fired

Please see below table that outlines this information for 2017. A Tactical Options Report (TOR) 'event' is the reportable use of one or more tactical options by an officer, against an individual. Multiple TOR events can occur at one incident. The Armed Offenders Squads

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(AOS) and Special Tactics Group (STG) are exempt from reporting presentations, but not discharges, of TASER and firearms.

Please note that these numbers are taken from the TOR database which is an active database and subject to change over time as reports are completed and approved following review. As a result numbers presented here are provisional and may not equal those totals reported in the 2017 Annual TOR report.

Ethnicity	Presentation only	Shots fired	Grand Total
Asian	5		5
European	86	3	89
Māori	123	5	128
Middle Eastern/Latin American/ African	4	1	5
Pacific Peoples	31		31
Not recorded		1	1
Grand Total	249	10	259

Questions 3, 3a, 4 and 4a – TASER presentation and discharges.

The information you have requested for the 2017 calendar year is declined under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publically available and can be found in the 2017 Annual TOR report – <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/tactical-options-research-reports>.

You have the right, under section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



Acting Superintendent Andrew Sissons
National Manager: Response and Operations
