

19 March 2018

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 8 March 2018. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 as a follow up to a previous request. Specifically, in this previous request you asked:

How many people own firearms by Police region?

The response to this question was provided to you in a letter dated 7 March 2018 (reference 16/7782/118). You replied to that letter as follows:

[REDACTED]

You received an email response from [REDACTED] with the explanation of Police Districts on 8 March 2018. For ease of reference, that response is repeated below:

New Zealand Police is divided into 12 districts, 9 in the North Island and 3 in the South. Information about the regional structure of Police can be found on the Police website, in the About Us section. The following link will take you the Police Districts page which shows you a map of the areas covered by each District <http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/structure/districts>

Information below is the number of active firearms licence holders by Police District. There were 245,164 firearms licence holders as at 12 March 2018.

Active firearms licence holders are all current licence holders, as well as those people whose licence is pending renewal or being followed up by Police; but it does not include people who have surrendered their licence or had it revoked.

Some individuals may have more than one licence (for example, standard and dealer) but the information below is the number of licence holders, as requested, not licences.

The Police District of each licence holder is based on the address that the firearms licence holder has provided as their home address. There are some instances where the address is not directly geocoded to a District and these are shown as Not Geocoded below. Police still have the address of each individual, but it would require substantial collation to attribute each one to a District. This Not

Geocoded number also includes any individuals who are currently overseas but maintain their New Zealand firearms licence.

Police District of the Firearms Licence Holder Address	Active Firearms Licence Holders
NORTHLAND	13,403
WAITEMATA	14,845
AUCKLAND CITY	6,275
COUNTIES/MANUKAU	11,924
WAIKATO	22,811
BAY OF PLENTY	25,016
EASTERN	15,667
CENTRAL	26,632
WELLINGTON	15,903
TASMAN	18,672
CANTERBURY	35,649
SOUTHERN	32,409
Not Geocoded	6,180
Total	245,164

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have a right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

For your information, Police is developing a process for proactive release of information, so the response to your request may be publicly released.

Yours sincerely



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