



30 September 2019

Our Reference: IR-01-19-24430

Dear [redacted]

I am writing in response to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request submitted on 04 September 2019 to the Ministers with the power to Act with regard to the Arms Amendment Act, in particular relating to shooting clubs and ranges. Your request has been transferred to New Zealand Police for response, you requested:

Please provide the copies of information and evidence which was used to make the decision that the proposed law change to shooting clubs and shooting ranges will reduce harm caused by firearms and make New Zealand safer.

Please also provide copies of the information and evidence regarding past harms due to the use of ranges as they currently exist and explain how those changes will reduce those harms

Please quantify the proposed in harm and cost.

I have considered your request. Police does not have a centralised database noting the complaints received in relation to the activities being undertaken by shooting clubs. However anecdotal information of complaints include multiple complaints of ammunition projectiles breaching the safety area of shooting ranges. Police is often approached by Local Authorities with concerns over this type of land use. As there is no single database of these complaints I am refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act as this would require substantial collation or research.

The information you have requested relating to the Arms Legislation Bill supplied by Police to the Minister is refused in accordance with Section 18(d) of the Act, because the information will be publicly available in the coming days. You will be able to access the relevant information here <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publications/corporate>.

I expect the Bill to be referred to Select Committee shortly and encourage you to take part in the consultation process.

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

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For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly release on the New Zealand Police website.

Yours sincerely



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