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Dear Matthew

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 13 June 2014 in which you requested:

- Since Department of Conservation began keeping records, how many incidents of death have occurred in Fiordland National Parks? Broken down yearly.
- How many of these deaths are attributed to tramping related accidents? Broken down yearly.
- How many of these deaths are attributed to natural causes? Broken down yearly.
- How many of these deaths are attributed to firearms? Broken down yearly.
- How many records of search and rescue exist, broken down yearly.

The Department does not hold the information you seek. Therefore I am transferring your request under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982, to the Southern Police District (for the attention of Inspector Lane Todd– Southland Area Commander, NZ Police, Lane.Todd@Police.govt.nz), as the information to which it relates is more closely connected with that Department's functions. The NZ Police is responsible for Search + Rescue in NZ.

While the Department is aware of some of the accidents causing death that have occurred in Fiordland National Park, the Department has not been involved in the aftermath of many of them, and therefore does not have a record of them.

Yours sincerely

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