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Dear Chuck

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 22 February 2022, which you further clarified on 8 March 2022, in which you asked for information relating to the protest at Parliament.

My response to each of your questions can be found below.

- *Total number of police coming into Wellington to assist with the protests weekly - eg Total frontline offices in Wellington at 3 day intervals from February 15 to today's date*

A total of 1802 staff were deployed from outside of Wellington District over the four weeks. Please note this includes staff from Police National Headquarters and the Royal New Zealand Police College.

Your request for a breakdown of this number into weekly or 3-day intervals is refused pursuant to section 6(c) of the OIA, as the release of this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences.

- *Please provide the total number of different hotels they are staying at*

Police staff used 10 different venues for accommodation.

- *Please provide total number of agitators if any being paid for by NZ Police to aggravate the protestors - if this is not the case please state if any other agencies are funding agitators ie GCSB*

Police did not arrange for, or pay, anybody to aggravate protestors, nor is Police aware of any other government agency doing so. This is not a tactic Police would employ. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Police.

- *Alternatively if there aren't paid agitators please provide number of plain clothes officers infiltrating the protest on a daily basis*

Police did not keep a record of how many officers were working at the protest each day in plain clothes. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Police

- *I am specifically wanting directives provided to NZ Police by Trevor Mallard or his team who I understand was the point man - specifically relating to directives,*

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strategies and how the protest was to be disbursed prior to the date the NZ Police forcefully went in.

Police did not receive directives from Trevor Mallard, or his team, regarding how to handle the protest at Parliament. The Commissioner of Police is not responsible to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in carrying out any of his functions as set out in the Policing Act 2008.

This part of your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the documentation alleged to contain this information does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



David Greig
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