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Dear S.I

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 22 August 2023. You asked:

*Please provide a breakdown for the last 5 years of financial redress / compensation / negotiated settlement payments made by NZ Police following police conduct such as negligence, malfeasance, abuse of power on official duties such as, but not limited to, undertaking search warrants, arrest warrants, warrantless searches & arrests, interacting with the public, and problematic prosecutions, for example - failing to prosecute, malicious prosecution, issues with disclosure, vexatious prosecution and so forth.*

*This would include civil cases where BORA breaches have been litigated. A brief description of why a payment was made, and the amount paid would be great if possible."*

Police Legal Services are the budget holder for civil litigation and compensation claims made against Police and the information that we hold with regards to your request is set out in the table below.

Year	Number of Claims Paid	Total Amount
2018/19	16	\$809,895
2019/20	10	\$124,919
2020/21	20	\$700,741
2021/22	13	\$252,444
2022/23	10	\$195,202

As many of the settlement payments that are made by Police are subject to confidentiality clauses, we are unable to provide specific details of individual claims. However, the cases listed in the table above include, claims for damages, compensation, privacy breaches, legal costs awards, and BORA breaches.

From time to time the various Police districts will make compensation payments, out of their own separate budgets, for issues such as minor damage to property or belongings.



Police Legal Services are not routinely notified of these payments, so this table doesn't capture everything that may have been paid.

Historic compensation claims against Police, should they arise, would also be paid out of the Police Legal Services budget.

I trust this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ian Bradshaw', written over a light grey oval background.

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