



Information Request: 16/7758/5

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Dear Mr Hanna,

**Official Information Act 1982 request**

I refer to your email to Police dated 12 February 2017 where you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 for the following:

- "1. Please provide a month by month breakdown, from July 2010 to October 2016, of the number of accidental weapon discharges by the New Zealand Police, categorising those accidental weapon discharges by whether they were in operational or non-operational settings.*
- 2. For each of these months, please also provide the number of times firearms were deployed and the number of times tasers were presented."*

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 and respond to each part below to meet your request.

**1. Number of Unintentional discharges of TASER and Firearms**

Tables 1 and 2 in the attached spreadsheet present the number of reported Unintentional discharges (UDs) of firearm and TASER (excluding unintentional discharges that occurred during training) from 1 July 2010 to 31 October 2016, by month and operational environment.

**2. Number of TASER and Firearms TOR events**

Tables 3 and 4 in the attached spreadsheet present the number of reported TOR events at which TASER and firearms were used, from 1 July 2010 to 31 October 2016, by month and type of deployment. A TOR event is the reportable use of one or more tactical options (including TASER and firearms), by one officer, against one individual. As discussed in the email Police sent to you on 27 February 2017, this data does not include presentation of firearms by Armed Offender Squads. This reply does not include AOS data as the format of this data would not be consistent with intended use of the data. TOR data also does not include events where the use of force is associated with a fatality as these events are instead the subject of internal and external investigations. Providing these figures would require an extension, so as agreed, Police will endeavour to send you these figures when they become available.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman in writing to seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

Superintendent Chris Scahill  
National Manager: Response and Operations

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