



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."*

On 14 March 2017, Police sent you a reply to your request. As stated in that reply, Police were unable to provide all events where TASER and firearms were used as the figures in the Tactical Options Reporting (TOR) database excludes events where the use of force is associated with a fatality, as these events are instead the subject of internal and external investigations, and providing figures for these events would require an extension to the timeframe. However, following the email discussion on 27 February 2017, Police agreed to provide these figures when they became available.

I am writing to inform you that the data is now available. Table 3 in the attached spreadsheet has been updated to include notifications relating to a discharge of firearm resulting in injury or death that had not been included in the previous spreadsheet. Police have no record of any event where the use of TASER has caused a fatality.

Yours sincerely

Superintendent Chris Scahill  
National Manager: Response and Operations