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New Zealand

OIA-2025-5629

18/2

February 2026

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 24 December 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information related to your previous request '*on the subject of silencers not accounted for*' (OIA-2025-5387). Specifically, you have asked for:

- *All communications between 1NZSAS Regiment and the Joint Military Police Unit relating to the silencers, from February 2020 onwards;*
- *All communications on the subject between the JMPU and NZ Police;*
- *All communication on the issue between JMPU and other parts of the Defence Force.*

Enclosed is a copy of relevant communications. As noted in the email of 13 February 2026, where indicated information is withheld to: avoid prejudice to the security and defence of New Zealand in accordance with section 6(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA); protect privacy in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA; and, avoid malicious or inappropriate use of internal information in accordance with section 9(2)(k) of the OIA.

Within the email trails there is reference to a Minute. This is the same 3 June 2020 NZSAS Minute that you received relevant information from in the response of 28 July 2025. That Minute has not been reproduced for this response and information concerning other matters contained in that Minute is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

**GA Motley**

Brigadier

Chief of Staff HQNZDF

**Enclosure:**

1. Communications

**From:** **s. 9(2)(a)**  
**Sent:** Monday, 16 June 2025 11:30 a.m.  
**To:** **s. 6(a)**  
**Subject:** RE: RFI for OIA

Good morning Sir,

Have you received a reply back reference the below email? If not please let me know.

A bit of context behind this, TG6 alerted JMPU in 2020 of a collection of missing items including the suppressors as a result of a stores check, however they were informed to conduct 100% check and once completed they were to return to JMPU confirming exactly what missing so we could initiate the report.

The final return was not provided as a result a JMPU Report was not initiated at the time. After the RFI earlier last month, I was provided the report for the Write Off of Stores confirming items that were missing including the initial suppressors. I have been told that since then 3 of the suppressors have been located also.

The file number for this is 202505210001 and the items also reported to the NZP whom also provided **s. 9(2)(k)** No investigation into the missing items were conducted as the items have since been written off and the time in which the items went missing could not be determined as the list provided was over a space of so many years and TG6 had completed their own internal report into the missing items in total.

I have spoken to **s. 9(2)(a)** COS DLC whom had been tasked with the RFI originally and informed him of the background reference this also.

If you have any further queries let me know.

Hope this helps.

**s. 9(2)(a)**  
Northern SIB Senior Investigator, Joint Military Police Unit  
Ngāti Tūmatauenga | New Zealand Army

**s. 9(2)(a)**  
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**From:** **s. 9(2)(a)** On Behalf Of **s. 9(2)(k)**  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 June 2025 9:14 a.m.  
**To:** **s. 9(2)(a)**  
**Cc:** **s. 9(2)(a)**, **s. 9(2)(k)**

**Subject:** FW: RFI for OIA  
**Importance:** High

Good morning **s. 9(2)(a)**

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Can you respond to the below, this I assume is the exact information that we spoke about last month.

Regards

s. 9(2)(a)

s. 9(2)(a)

J2 Int and Security Manager - JMPU, Joint Military Police Unit  
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From: s. 9(2)(k)

Sent: Thursday, 12 June 2025 8:02 a.m.

To: s. 9(2)(k) ; s. 9(2)(a)

Subject: FW: RFI for OIA

Importance: High

Morning,

Are you able to help with the below/attached from 2020.

Kind regards,

s. 9(2)(a)

Administration Support Officer, Joint Military Police Unit  
Te Ope Kātua o Aotearoa | New Zealand Defence Force

s. 9(2)(a)

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From: s. 6(a)

Sent: Wednesday, 11 June 2025 6:19 p.m.

To: s. 9(2)(k)

Cc:

Subject: RFI for OIA

Importance: High

Good Evening,

In response to an OIA I am trying to source information on any investigation that may have been conducted into missing suppressors from TG6 circa 2020.

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I have a minute referencing the fact the missing items were reported to MPs on 21 Feb 20 (See att minute and Ref at Enclosure 1) but no MP report.

Are there any MP reports related to these missing items?

My apologies for the short notice but I am required to have a response by early next week. I would be grateful for any detail you may be able to provide.

Kind Regards,

s. 6(a)

Special Operations Command (NZ)  
New Zealand Army | Ngāti Tūmatauenga

s. 6(a)

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From: **s. 9(2)(a)**  
Sent: Friday, 13 June 2025 8:25 a.m.  
To: **s. 6(a)**  
Cc: **s. 9(2)(a)** ; **s. 9(2)(k)**  
Subject: FW: RFI for OIA - Response to SOCC  
Attachments: 11062025121151-0001.pdf

Importance: High

Hey **s. 6(a)**

In Feb 2020, **s. 6(a)** reported to PAP MP that stores items were missing (missing between 2018 - 2020), he was requested by MP to conduct an internal check/investigation and confirm the items missing and then lodge a complaint. This is standard request from MP as we receive many of these stores accounting reports weekly and often the items are found in a store or there is some form of SAP error identified.

From an MP perspective, a comprehensive list of missing items and the timeframes over which they were deemed as missing needed to be confirmed IOT to conduct a preliminary investigation. It appears **s. 6(a)** did not come back to PAP MP with that information and therefore no MP report was generated at that time.

**s. 6(a)** contacted MP again in May 2025 IRT this matter, a file number was generated (202505210001) and the A Class Stores were reported as missing, and IAW with the reporting requirements for A class stores the loss was reported to NZ POL.

If there is anything else we can help with, please let us know.

**s. 9(2)(a)**

Commanding Officer  
Joint Military Police Unit | Te Herenga Ope Pirihimana Toa  
Trentham Military Camp **s. 9(2)(a)**  
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Cc:  
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s. 6(a)



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**From:** noreply-onlinereportingteam@police.govt.nz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 May 2025 2:08 p.m.  
**To:** **s. 9(2)(a)**  
**Subject:** Confirmation of 105 Online Police Report (Reference number **s. 9(2)(k)**)  
**Attachments:** 105\_Online\_Reportin**s. 9(2)(k)**.pdf

Kia ora **s. 9(2)(a)**

Thank you for submitting your lost property report to Police.

**Your Online Report reference number is **s. 9(2)(k)**.**

We've received and recorded your report and attached a copy for you.  
You can also give this number to other organisations, for example insurance companies.

#### **What happens next**

We assess your report and send you a Police Acknowledgement Form, which includes the case number for your online report.

We contact you if we have any questions about your report.

#### **If you need to contact us**

Visit us online or call us on 105 to:

- add further information or upload relevant photos/documents
- ask for an update
- withdraw your report, for example if you find your lost property

You will need to provide either your online report number or your case number.

[Update my report](#)

**If you need advice, victim support or information including about what happens after you have made a Police report, and items that may not be a Police matter please visit our website:**

<https://www.police.govt.nz/faq/what-happens-after-i-make-police-report>

Ngā mihi nui,  
The 105 Online Reporting Team

New Zealand Police



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# Non-Emergency 105 Online Reporting



## Lost Property

OR Reference: s. 9(2)(k)

Report submitted: 20/05/2025 01:55 PM

### Contact Details

#### Personal details (of the Person this report relates to)

Are you reporting on behalf of someone else / or have been referred online and have a Police event reference number? : Yes

Reporter Details / Police event reference number : NZDF

Name : s. 9(2)(a)

Date of Birth : s. 9(2)(a)

Gender : s. 9(2)(a)

#### Contact details

Preferred phone number : s. 9(2)(a)

Email address : s. 9(2)(a)

Preferred contact method : Email

Address type : Work address

Address : s. 9(2)(k) Papakura, Auckland 2110, New Zealand

### When

Provide the date and time the incident happened : 01/01/2014 01:00 AM to 01/01/2020 01:00 AM

### Where

Location type : An organisation

Name of location : s. 9(2)(k) papakura, Papakura Military Base

Address selected : Papakura, Auckland 2110, New Zealand

How close to the address did this happen : At

### What Was Lost

s. 6(a)

## Non-Emergency 105 Online Reporting



s. 6(a)

Who owns the item : NZDF

Item : Suppressors Surefire SOCOM556-RC-BK

Value (NZD) : \$ 1,422.00

Description : s. 6(a)

Item is hazardous : No

s. 6(a)

## What happened

Describe in detail what happened : items were identified as being missing through stores checks, as per NZDF procedure, NZ police are to be notified of items that are related to firearms or ammunitions.

s. 9(2)(a)

## Additional Information

I agree to a copy of this report being sent to my email address : Yes

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**From:** **s. 9(2)(a)**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 May 2025 1:48 p.m.  
**To:** Cresswell, Nick, SQNLDR  
**Cc:** **s. 9(2)(a)**  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: OIA Request for MP Investigation report

Rgr that Sir, **s. 9(2)(a)** is the POC for this, she is out of the office currently.

It might be best to touch base with her directly as I am not involved directly with this matter.

Her number is: **s. 9(2)(a)**

Kind Regards,

**s. 9(2)(a)**  
Northern SIB PUT, Joint Military Police Unit  
Ngāti Tūmatauenga | New Zealand Army  
**s. 9(2)(a)**  
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**From:** Cresswell, Nick, WGCDR  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 May 2025 1:40 p.m.  
**To:** **s. 9(2)(a)**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: OIA Request for MP Investigation report

Thank you **s. 9(2)(a)**

I need the report please as I have to supply all documentation as part of the OIA request.

Bear in mind that Ministerial services will redact any sensitive information in there so please don't withhold on that basis but feel free to write your concerns in the email and I will relay that to Ministerial services.

Thank you

*Nick*

WGCDR Nick Cresswell, MSS, PGDip(L&SC), psc(j).  
Chief Of Staff Def Log Comd - HQDLC, Headquarters Defence Logistics Command  
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**s. 9(2)(a)**  
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Maj.Gen. Julian Thompson RM

From: s. 9(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 1:38 p.m.

To: Cresswell, Nick, WGCDR s. 9(2)(a)

Cc: s. 9(2)(a)

Subject: FW: URGENT: OIA Request for MP Investigation report

Kia Ora Sir,

WRT the below email chain, your JMPU file number is: 202505210001

Was there anything else you needed from MP for this?

Kind Regards,

s. 9(2)(a)

Northern SIB PUT, Joint Military Police Unit

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s. 9(2)(a)

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From: s. 9(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 1:33 p.m.

To: s. 9(2)(a)

Subject: FW: URGENT: OIA Request for MP Investigation report

s. 9(2)(a)

Investigations Manager

Ngā Kaiwhakatūhura Hara | Serious Investigation Branch

Te Ope Kātua o Aotearoa | New Zealand Defence Force

s. 9(2)(a)

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From: s. 9(2)(k)

Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 1:15 p.m.

To: s. 9(2)(a)

Cc: s. 9(2)(a)

; Cresswell, Nick, WGCDR

s. 9(2)(a)

; s. 9(2)(k)

Subject: FW: URGENT: OIA Request for MP Investigation report

Afternoon **s. 9(2)(a)**

Can you please contact WGCDR Nick Cresswell this afternoon in regards to the matter below.

Kind Regards

**s. 9(2)(a)**

Administration Support Officer, Joint Military Police Unit  
Te Ope Kātua o Aotearoa | New Zealand Defence Force

**s. 9(2)(a)**

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**From:** Cresswell, Nick, WGCDR  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 May 2025 12:57 p.m.  
**To:** **s. 9(2)(k)**  
**Cc:** **s. 9(2)(a)**  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: OIA Request for MP Investigation report

I have heard NOTHING from Provost HQ and I need to submit this OIA today.

I am aware now that the report number is:

The JPMU file number for the investigation of the TG6 loss of stores (including the 6 x suppressors) is **s. 9(2)(k)**. The investigation was inconclusive though as some of the items were identified as having been missing/unaccounted for/lost for years. There is also the possibility that they were damaged beyond economic repair (BER) at some point or unserviceable, and written off, but the paperwork did not follow through.

POC is **s. 9(2)(a)**, Northern SIB Senior Investigator, JPMU.

*Nick*

**WGCDR Nick Cresswell, MSS, PGDip(L&SC), psc(j).**  
Chief Of Staff Def Log Comd - HQDLC, Headquarters Defence Logistics Command  
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**s. 9(2)(a)**

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**From:** **s. 9(2)(k)**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 May 2025 9:49 a.m.  
**To:** Cresswell, Nick, WGCDR **s. 9(2)(a)**  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: OIA Request for MP Investigation report

Good Morning,

I have forwarded your email on to our Provost HQ who will contact you.

Kind Regards

s. 9(2)(a)

Administration Support Officer, Joint Military Police Unit  
Te Ope Kātua o Aotearoa | New Zealand Defence Force

s. 9(2)(a)

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**From:** Cresswell, Nick, WGCDR  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 May 2025 9:46 a.m.  
**To:** s. 9(2)(k)  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT: OIA Request for MP Investigation report

In the absence of your commanders could you please look at the following request...?

*Nick*

**WGCDR Nick Cresswell, MSS, PGDip(L&SC), psc(j).**

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**From:** Cresswell, Nick, WGCDR  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 May 2025 9:45 am  
**To:** s. 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** URGENT: OIA Request for MP Investigation report

s. 9(2)(a) XO,

I have to respond to an OIA request regarding a number of suppressors that went missing between 2017 and 2019.

My contacts in DEMO have requested the MP reports from an investigation but have not received a response – the OIA is **due to CJDS today**.

The details of the suppressors are as follows and I would appreciate it if you could hasten the report or confirm that no document exists.

The 6 x Suppressors (Surefire SOCOM556-RC-BK) were, between 2017 and 2019, unable to be located in stock-checks. An MP investigation was initiated from which nothing eventuated. Subsequent to this investigation, three of the suppressors were found and bought back onto charge. The other three were not found and were written off as shown in the attached document. The table below identifies the details of the suppressors and the

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Happy to chat if required

*Nick*

WGCDR Nick Cresswell, MSS, PGDip(L&SC), psc(j).

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