

7 July 2020

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

### Request for Official Information

I refer to your request for information made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received by the Ministry via email on 10 June 2020.

You have requested the following information:

*I would like to make an Official Information Act request under section 12 of the Act:*

*(a.i) Could I please be sent any internal and external correspondence, with any other government departments, and or any advice given to the Minister for Pacific Peoples, as well as any correspondence between 1 July 2019 until June 9 2020 relating to the 'Armed Response Teams.'*

*(a.ii) If any information is to be withheld, I request you please provide for any communication and or, document with the title and date of the, the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Official Information Act.*

*(b.i) Could I please be sent any internal and external correspondence with any other government departments, and or any advice given to the Minister for Pacific Peoples, as well as any correspondence between 18 October 2019 until June 9 2020 relating to the 'Armed Response Teams Petition' found at <https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/police-put-your-guns-away>*

*(b.ii) If any information is to be withheld, I request you please provide for any communication and or, document with the title and date of the, the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Official Information Act.*

In response to your request, I have enclosed a copy of minutes from the Counties Manukau Strategic Pasifika Advisory Board held Tuesday 5 November 2019 that falls within the scope of your request. Names have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Please note, that we may publish this response on our website. Your name and contact details will be removed.

In accordance with section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tofilau Iris Webster', written in a cursive style.

Tofilau Iris Webster  
**Deputy Chief Executive, Office of the Chief Executive  
Ministry for Pacific Peoples**



## COUNTIES MANUKAU STRATEGIC PASIFIKA ADVISORY BOARD

Purpose statement: CMD working with district advisory membership to create and deliver strategies and solutions towards:

- *O le Taaao Fou (NZP Pasifika strategy) is evident and understood in all parts of the business.*
- *Build / support cultural capability of Our People to enable culturally safe practice and engagement*
- *Breaking cultural barriers through transformational engagement*

### MINUTES

Tuesday 05 November 2019, 1000 - 1130hrs Manukau Room, Manukau Police Station

Attendees:				
[Redacted]		[Redacted]		
[Redacted]		[Redacted]		
Apologies:				
[Redacted]				
		Responsibility	Time	Duration
1	Lotu (karakia) to open Welcome by Chairperson – Overview/Introductions	[Redacted]	1000	10
2 Agenda Items		Responsibility	Time	Duration
2.1	<b>Armed Response Team (ART)</b> Overview provided. 6 month trial that started on Labour Day and finishing in April 2020. Context behind initiative – based on recording of gun data & jobs involving firearms (1300 guns, 15 pointed at staff, 9 shots fired at staff). Realisation that Police constantly confronted with firearms. PNHQ executive approved roll out of ART to address above in order to keep staff and the community safe. Evidence Based Policing (EBP) have looked at similar ART models internationally. ART not new to Policing. Initial dip in T&C when trialled in Scotland. EBP will complete evaluation of	[Redacted]	1010	50
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	<p>ART trial. Pilot questions that will measure success of ART roll-out:</p> <p>Purpose – Support frontline staff where offender present poses significant risk to the general public and/or staff. Provide immediate response to high risk jobs/high risk offenders. Addresses time delay in attending.</p> <p>Model - ART staff consist of 4 members per section. 1 Sgt + 3 staff. All Armed Offender Squad (AOS) qualified staff. Travel with AOS capability kit.</p> <p>Work early &amp; Late shift only, not 24/7. When not attending jobs, conduct Prevention patrolling activities.</p> <p>Deployed out of AKL Central station but CM District focus. CM District, Waikato and Canterbury have the highest rate of firearms incidents. Approx. 22 incidents/events attended to date. Anecdotal feedback from Police frontline staff is that they feel safer when ART attend jobs with them.</p> <p>Issues with lack of consult and comms prior to rollout of the ART. PAG and community could have been utilised better prior to messaging from Police.</p> <p>Recommend that focus groups &amp; face to face are used for evaluation vs current Police evaluation methods.</p> <p>Acknowledge safety aspect of ART.</p> <p>What were/are the pilot questions that will be used in the evaluation process looking at measuring success of the ART trial?</p> <p>Response by [REDACTED] – questions based around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Reducing injury/wellness</li> <li>ii. Are staff feeling stressed?</li> <li>iii. Level of reassurance provided by ART</li> <li>iv. How do the ART staff, frontline staff, general public feel regarding their presence?</li> </ul> <p>Ideal for evaluation of ART to be completed after a 6 month period. Confirmed that this is the practice.</p> <p>New Police executive who will be replacing current may hold different view of the ART.</p> <p>Concern surrounding additional training that may be required for ART staff particularly around unconscious bias/cultural competency. Important that ART staff are not harbouring these biases in their role patrolling the identified at-risk areas assigned to.</p> <p>Response by [REDACTED]</p> <p>Delivery of cultural competency training to staff including specialist teams – Special Tactics Group and Armed Offenders Squad where ART teams have been drawn from.</p> <p>Initial conversation ideally should have been tabled with the District PAGs and community before rollout of the ART.</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>		<p>All withheld under s9(2)(a)</p>
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