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## s.9(2)(a) OIA

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 4 July 2024. You asked for:

*“A breakdown of how many temporary suspensions have been issued over the past 10 financial years, and how many of these were not revocations?”*

In the past 10 financial years (between 2014/15 and 2023/24), there has been a Sum total of 4,763 Temporary Suspensions, of which 1,884 are not currently Revoked, and a “Total distinct count of Licence holder” of 4,636 Temporary Suspensions of which 1,851 are not currently Revoked.

The reason for the difference between the “Sum” and “Total distinct count of Licence Holder” totals is that the latter shows the count of unique licences across all years regardless of how many temporary suspensions an individual had, and the Sum total includes licences that may have been changed to Temporary Suspension multiple times. For example, a licence that was temporarily suspended in 2018, then made current, and then temporarily suspended again in 2020, will show as one in Total distinct count, and two in Sum.

The information for “Temporary Suspensions” prior to the Arms Legislation Act 2020 (the Act) was recorded on a firearms licence status as “suspended”, after the 2020 legislation change, the status was changed to “considering revocation – suspension”. The data provided below includes all temporary suspension statuses before and after the legislation change.

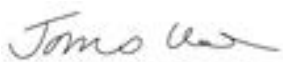
It is not possible to accurately capture the change from a temporarily suspended status to another status without checking each firearm licence status manually. This is due to the requirement to check for any duplicate records in situations where a licence holder has had multiple suspensions, or an interim status change is used.

Please refer to the table below which shows licences with temporary suspension status in the past 10 financial years, as at 10 July 2024. Due to the limitations outlined above, Te Tari Pūreke advises that the table does not necessarily reflect the final outcome of the initial suspension, or what year the outcome had occurred.

Financial Year of Temporary Suspension	Temporary Suspension	Not Currently Revoked
2014/15	27	20
2015/16	20	10
2016/17	23	16
2017/18	25	14
2018/19	30	19
2019/20	21	14
<b>December 2020: new legislation affecting suspensions and revocations comes into force</b>		
2020/21	820	302
2021/22	1,133	394
2022/23	1,296	465
2023/24	1,368	630
<b>Sum</b>	<b>4,763</b>	<b>1,884</b>
<b>Total distinct count of Licence holder</b>	<b>4,636</b>	<b>1,851</b>

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Nāku noa, nā



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