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Ms Grace Haden  
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Dear Ms Haden

I refer to that part of your email of 17 June 2010 to the Hon Judith Collins and others in which you request all policies, General Instructions, directions and codes of conduct relating to:-

1. The handling of \*555 calls
2. The minimum requirements of proceeding to prosecution based on information obtained by complainant.
3. The need for a signed statement before laying a charge against a person based on the allegation of a member of the public.
4. What protocol the police have in acting or not acting on the say so of one person against another, why are some instances filed and why are incidents of the same evidential proof proceeded with

\*555 calls reporting traffic incidents are dealt with as general traffic complaints and no information specific to their handling has been located.

No instruction that requires that a signed statement be taken from a complainant prior to prosecution being initiated has been located.

Accordingly, items 1 and 3 of your request are declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act in that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

In relation to items 2 and 4 of your request, Police rely on the Solicitor-General's Prosecution Guidelines when making decisions as to whether or not a matter should be the subject of prosecution. This document is available online at [http://www.crownlaw.govt.nz/uploads/prosecution\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.crownlaw.govt.nz/uploads/prosecution_guidelines.pdf)

I understand that the other aspects of your request will be responded to by the Minister for Courts and/or the Minister of Justice.

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You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



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