

28 May 2019

Dear 

Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 9 May 2019. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

1. How many firing ranges in your Council area have both indoor and outdoor facilities?

There are no firing ranges in the Horowhenua that have both indoor and outdoor facilities.

2. How many solely indoor firing ranges are there in your Council area?

There are two (2) indoor firing ranges in the Horowhenua.

3. How many solely outdoor firing ranges are there in your Council area?

There are three (3) outdoor firing ranges in the Horowhenua.

4. How often are the firing ranges inspected by Council officers and/or Police? Fire

There is no requirements for firing ranges to be registered with Council, and Council Officers do not routinely inspect any firing ranges in the district. We are unable to provide Police information as it is not collected by Council.

5. What is your Council's regime for assessing shooters' and range officers' exposure to lead at the firing ranges?

There is no requirement for Council to hold a register of firing ranges in the district. Council has no regime in place for assessing shooter's or range officers' exposure to lead.

6. Does your Council require measures at firing ranges to mitigate the effects of lead exposure? What are these measures and how are they reported by the range and enforced by the Council?

Council does not monitor potential health effects relating to lead exposure at any firing ranges in the Horowhenua district.

7. What is the protocol for Council inspection of firing ranges, for example, is there a checklist or similar, used by the Council officers to assess the firing range? If so, could you please supply a copy?

There is no requirement for Council to hold a register of firing ranges in the district. Council has no protocol in place for inspecting firing ranges.

However, if Council were to receive a complaint in relation to exposure to lead causing illness, Council would use the provisions of the Health Act 1956 along with support from Public Health to investigate.

8. Could you please supply copies of all reports relating to firearms and firing ranges written by or received by the Council over the last three years?

There have been no reports received or written by the Horowhenua District Council in the last three (3) years relating to firearms or firing ranges.

If you have any queries regarding this information please contact Ian McLachlan, Group Manager - Customer & Regulatory Services, on 06 3660999 or email ianm@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DM Clapperton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Clapperton
Chief Executive