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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 30 September 2024.
You asked:

In relation to this statement in the Media:

"Since FSA took oversight of Clubs and Ranges, 267 improvement notices have been issued for safety matters that police were previously blind to. All of them were for pistol ranges that used to be self-certifying (non-pistol ranges are still being reviewed). None of the notices resulted in closure, meaning a solution - for ballistic safety, for instance - has always been found."

Would you please provide a breakdown as to what issues these improvement notices were for, for example Ballistic Safety, Range Standing Orders, Safety notices and flags, Range Administration, etc..

Please find attached document titled *Improvement Notices details* which provides a list of improvement notices issued to clubs and ranges to date, including summary descriptions where a standard was not met.

Some information from this document has been withheld under section 9(2)(ba) of the OIA, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

Note that there is a difference in the number of Improvement Notices quoted in the media statement above and the number in the *Improvement Notices details* document provided in this response, due to the media story also including Improvement Notices that had been extended or reissued.

How many improvement notices were a consequence of rewriting the Range Manual 2005?

All improvement notices were issued after the Arms Amendment Regulations in 2022. Prior to this, Police only regulated pistol ranges, managed through a letter of agreement with Pistol New Zealand. Police did not issue Improvement Notices to pistol shooting range operators prior to 2022.

For context, Pistol New Zealand did not issue Improvement Notices against their own ranges, this being an informal record keeping of identified faults. The New Zealand Police Range Manual (2005) was created in conjunction with Pistol New Zealand and peer reviewed by the New Zealand Defence Force. There was no additional shooting discipline involvement.

How many of the previous PNZ range inspectors have been active under FSA oversight since 2020?

Private range inspectors used by shooting range operators are not part of Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority but operate independently with a shooting range operator when making a shooting range application. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, the information is not held, and Police has no reason to believe it is held by another agency.

How many of the FSA range inspecting officers are sworn police officers, police employees, civilian volunteers?

There are five staff within Te Tari Pūreke's Clubs and Ranges Team who are trained in Shooting Range Inspections, comprising four employees and one sworn employee.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review this decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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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Issue	Due date
Range 6- Tyres in bullet catcher	16/12/2022
Range complex- Range flags	26/10/2022
Range 1- No defined danger area	27/10/2022
Range 1- No range danger area annex to the RSOs	27/10/2022
Range 1- No signage at entrance gate	25/09/2022
Range 2- Bullet catcher drums require refurbishment	8/11/2022
Range 7- Slope angle of bullet catcher below 34 deg	8/11/2022
Range 12- backstop washed out	8/11/2022
Range 1- No distance markers & no defined firing lines	1/08/2023
Range 1- No defined firing lines	1/08/2023
Range 1- RSOs	9/12/2022
s.9(2)(ba) Range 3 -sidewall below 2.25m	9/03/2023
OIA Range 3- tyre sidewall had gaps	9/03/2023
Range 2- targets positioned so shotfall outside range danger area	
Range 2- tyres in backstop had gaps	9/03/2023
Range 5- Range flags not displayed	14/06/2023
Range 5- Tyres on backstop	14/06/2023
Range 6- Bullet catcher degraded	14/06/2023
Range 6- Tyres on backstop	14/06/2023
Range 7- Shot may exit range because of where targets are positioned	14/06/2023
Range 7- Tyres on backstop	14/06/2023
Range 8- Tyres on backstop	14/06/2023
Range 9- Tyres on backstop	14/06/2023
Range 1- Exposed Tyres in bullet catcher	17/04/2023
Range 5- RSOs	22/12/2022
Range 1- Bullet catcher needs to be 34deg & RS wall to connect with backstop	1/01/2023
Range 1- Failure to display Range Certificate	9/11/2022
Range 2- Failure to display Range Certificate	9/11/2022
Range 3- Failure to display Range Certificate	9/11/2022
Range 4- Failure to display Range Certificate	9/11/2022
Range 5- Failure to display Range Certificate	9/11/2022
Range 6- Failure to display Range Certificate	9/11/2022
Range 1 - RSOs	4/02/2023
Range 1- RSOs	14/02/2023
Range 1- Backstop insufficient height and RSOs	14/02/2023
Range B- Tyres in backstop	22/05/2023
Range B- Sighting structure is degraded	22/05/2023
Range C- Tyres in the backstop	22/05/2023
Range D- Tyres in the backstop	22/05/2023
Range 1- Tyres in the backstop	23/05/2023
Range 1- RSOs	28/02/2023
Range 3- Bullet catcher doesn't meet the side wall	28/02/2023
Range 3- Bullet catcher not parallel to target line & less the 30deg	28/02/2023
Range 4- Bullet catcher doesn't meet the side wall	28/02/2023
Range 4- Bullet catcher not parallel to target line & less the 30deg	28/02/2023
Range 5- Tyres in bullet catcher	28/02/2023
Range 6- Bullet catcher below 30 deg	28/02/2023
Range 1- Backstop measured at 26-28 deg	30/03/2023
Range 3- Backstop degraded and measured 24-28 deg	30/03/2023

Range 1- Side berm/side wall unstable	2/02/2023
Range 2- Side berm/side wall unstable	2/02/2023
Range 1- RSOs	23/02/2023
Range 1- RSOs	23/03/2023
Range 1- RSOs	9/03/2023
Range 2- Backstop not maintained	9/03/2023
Range 3- Backstop not maintained	9/03/2023
Range 1- RSOs	5/02/2023
Range 4- Backstop below 3m	28/02/2023
Range 3- Side wall and backstop don't connect on LS	28/02/2023
Range 3- Backstop below 3m at target line	28/02/2023
Range 1- RSOs	13/03/2023
Range 1- RSOs	12/06/2023
Range 1- RSOs	12/03/2023
Range 1- Rocks in MPI	12/03/2023
s.9(2)(ba) OIA [REDACTED] exposed rocks on COFF	13/03/2023
[REDACTED] RSOs	29/08/2023
Range 1- RSOs	14/06/2023
Range 1- Side wall not 2.1m & inconsistencies in tyres stacking	14/06/2023
Range 2- Bullet catcher drums degraded and shot out	14/03/2023
Range 1- RSOs	19/02/2022
Range 1- Reduced Danger Area status	19/02/2022
Range 1- Tyres in backstop	14/06/2023
Range 2- tyres in backstop	14/06/2023
Range 1- RSOs	19/05/2023
Range 6- Tyres in the bullet catcher	19/07/2023
Range 1- RSOs	30/11/2023
Range 3- Tyres in the bullet catcher	30/11/2023
Range 4 - Tyres in the bullet catcher	30/11/2023
Range 7- Tyres in the bullet catcher/back stop	30/11/2023
Range 2- exposed tyres in bullet catcher	30/11/2023
Range 2- projection tyre sidewall in COFF	30/11/2023
Range 4- sidewalls not side backstops	30/11/2023
Range 2- RSOs	14/05/2023
Range 3- Side wall doesn't meet height requirement	14/12/2023
Range 4- No left hand arc marker	14/05/2023
Range 1- Exposed tyres in bullet catcher	14/10/2023
Range 1- RSOs	14/04/2023
Range 1- RSOs	15/04/2023
Range 2- Canopy has bullet strike	17/08/2023
Range 6a- Corrugated iron covering steel target	14/04/2023
Range 6b- Corrugated iron covering steel target	14/04/2023
Range 3- Exposed tyres	17/08/2023
Range 1- RSOs	15/04/2023
Range 1- Bullet catcher insufficient extent to capture projectiles	16/08/2023
Range 1- Pile of sheet metal in front of bullet catcher	16/08/2023
Range 1- RSOs	27/05/2023
s.9(2)(ba) OIA [REDACTED] Range- RSOs	4/04/2023
Range 4- LS wall doesn't meet the bullet catcher & not 2.1m high	28/08/2023
Range 1- RSOs	1/07/2023

Range 1- RSOs	3/06/2023
Range 2- no backstop	3/09/2023
Range 3- no backstop	3/09/2023
Range 1- sidewall below 2.1m	3/09/2023
Range 1- no backstop	3/09/2023
Range 1- RSOs	28/05/2023
Range 1- RSOs	31/03/2024
Range 1- Bullet catcher not maintained	31/03/2024
Range 4- Exposed tyres in bullet catcher	20/10/2023
Range 4- Range side wall not to compliant height	20/10/2023
Range 5- LH side berm not compliant height + Tyre wall has gaps	20/10/2023
Range 5- Exposed tyres in bullet catcher	20/10/2023
Range 1 (2)- Exposed tyres	28/09/2023
Range 1 (1)- RSOs	28/05/2023
Range 3 (1) - Exposed tyres	28/09/2023
Range 4 (1)- Exposed tyres	28/09/2023
Range 1 (3)- No cert displayed	28/04/2023
Range 2- Exposed tyres	28/09/2023
Range 3(2)- RSOs	28/04/2023
Range 3(3)- Strike damage on the bullet catcher & height below 2.1m	28/09/2023
Range 3A- RSOs	28/04/2023
Range 4 (2)- RSOs	28/04/2023
Range 5- Exposed tyres in the bullet catcher	28/09/2023
Range 1- RSOs	13/07/2023
Range 2- RH side of bullet catcher face is degraded. Measured less than 20 deg	12/08/2023
Range 3- Bullet catcher no a consistent slope	14/08/2023
Range 5- LH side of bullet catcher is degraded, down to 23 deg	12/08/2023
Range 6- Danger area covers the area of range 7 & 8.	19/08/2023
Range 1- bullet catcher degraded and minimum height of 1.3m	17/10/2023
Range 1- RH side berm measured at 1.7m	17/10/2023
Range 1- RSOs	17/06/2023
Range 1- RSOs	14/06/2023
Indoor Range- RSOs	1/08/2023
Indoor Range- tyres in the bullet catcher	30/10/2023
s.9(2) Range 1- RSOs	1/08/2023
(b) OIA Range 1- RSOs	1/08/2023
Range 3- Bullet catcher not a constant 500mm depth & delow 34 deg	1/10/2023
Range 5- Sidewall is below 2.1m height	1/10/2023
Range 6- Bullet catcher not a constant 500mm depth & delow 34 deg	1/10/2023
s.9(2)(ba) Range- RSOs	14/07/2023
Range 1- RSOs	14/07/2023
Range 1- RSOs	14/07/2023
Range 1- RSOs	12/08/2023
Range 2- Angle of bullet catcher was 27 deg	28/09/2023
Range 3- Bullet catcher was 27 deg and wall height was 2.4m	28/09/2023
Range 4- Bullet catcher was 28 deg	28/09/2023
s.9(2)(ba) OIA 1- RSOs	23/07/2023
Range 1- RSOs	23/07/2023
Range 1- RSOs	29/07/2023
Range 1- exposed steel beams in target line support frames	26/10/2023

Range 2- Bullet catcher impact face is degraded & is 22 deg	26/11/2023
Range 1- RSOs	29/07/2023
Range 1- RSOs	8/12/2023
Range 1- RSOs	7/10/2023
Range 1- RSOs - High Velocity fire into side berms	7/10/2023
Range 1- RSOs - No danger Area status	7/10/2023
Range 3- exposed metal beam in target line	12/10/2023
Range 6- Tyres in bullet catcher	12/12/2023
Range 7- Tyres in backstop	12/12/2023
Range 1- RSOs	3/09/2023
Range 1- Reduced Danger Area needs reviewed in manual	3/09/2023
Range 1- RH wall below 2.1m	3/09/2023
Range 1- plastic drums in bullet catcher not filled completely	3/09/2023
Range 2- plastic drums in bullet catcher not filled completely	3/09/2023
Range 3- plastic drums in bullet catcher not filled completely	3/09/2023
Range 4- plastic drums in bullet catcher not filled completely	3/09/2023
Range 1- RSOs	12/08/2023
Range 1- RSOs	12/08/2023
Range 3- tyres in backstop & Targetry used/not templated in RSOs	14/08/2023
Range 1- RSOs	27/10/2023
Range 1- RSOs not supported by range structures	27/10/2023
Range 1- RSOs	10/10/2023
Range 2b- tyres in bullet catcher	21/12/2023
Range 2a- tyres in bullet catcher	21/12/2023
Range 1- RSOs	4/10/2023
Range 1- CoF on RS target position encompasses the RH side wall	5/08/2023
Range 1- RSO	4/09/2023
Range 3- Exposed tyres in backstop	4/11/2023
Range 4- Exposed tyres in backstop	4/11/2023
Range 5- Exposed tyres in backstop	4/11/2023
Range 6- Exposed tyres in backstop	4/11/2023
Range 8- Exposed tyres in backstop	4/03/2024
Range 10- Exposed tyres in backstop	4/11/2023
Range 13- Exposed tyres in backstop	4/11/2023
Range 14- Exposed tyres in backstop	4/11/2023
Range 1- RSOs	16/09/2023
Range 2- exposed tyres in CoF	16/09/2023
Range 1- RSOs	4/09/2023
Range 3- sidewall below 2.1m	6/10/2023
Range 1- RSOs	16/11/2023
Range 1- RSOs	15/09/2023
Range 1- RSOs	6/10/2023
Range 1- Current danger area status doesn't exist in manual	6/10/2023
Range 1- RSOs	27/10/2023
Range 1- danger area status is incorrect	27/10/2023
Range 1- RSOs	7/09/2023
Range 1- RH side wall height 1.8m should be 2.1m	7/09/2023
Range 8- Bullet Catcher was blow 30deg and below 900mm depth	7/09/2023
Range 9- Bullet Catcher was blow 30deg and below 900mm depth	7/09/2023
Range 11- Bullet Catcher was blow 30deg and below 900mm depth	7/09/2023

Range 12- Bullet Catcher was blow 30deg and below 900mm depth	7/09/2023
Range A- Exposed steel angle beams	27/09/2023
Range C- Slope angle of backstop below 30deg	8/01/2024
Range F- Slope angle of backstop below 30deg	8/01/2024
Range 1- Has two separate range templates	21/11/2023
Range 1- RSOs	2/11/2023
s.9(2) Range 3- exposed tyres in bullet catcher	9/01/2024
Range 2- Backstop slope angle below 30deg	5/03/2024
Annual Reports	13/11/2023
Range 1- RSOs	16/02/2024
Range 1- RSOs	16/02/2024
Club - Record of participation in activities	28/07/2024
Club - List of shooting activities	30/09/2024
Club - Shooting Activities	30/09/2024
Range 3- Bullet catcher below 30 deg	25/03/2024
Range 4- Bullet catcher below 30 deg	25/03/2024
Range 1- Major slip RS backstop	29/03/2024
Range 3A- 2x exposed tyres in bullet catcher	29/03/2024
Range 3- Sidewall below 2.1m	3/05/2024
Range 4- Slope angle of bullet catcher below 30deg	8/04/2024
Range 7- Grass on range floor is overgrown obscuring the shooters line	13/05/2024
Range 1- Slope angle for bullet catcher below 30 deg	25/03/2024
Range 3- Moblie bullet catchers not filled to top	2/05/2024
Range 1- Tyres at base of target line	16/05/2024
Range2- deflection plate had fallen off	16/04/2024
Range 2- Exposed tyres in the impact area	16/05/2024
Range 4- Sidewall below 2.1m	2/07/2024
Range 5- Exposed tyres in the impact area and some mobile bullet catchers	2/07/2024
Range 1- RSOs	7/07/2024
Range 1- Exposed steel on target frames	13/06/2024
Range 6b- Cover for steel target has degraded	19/06/2024
Club records - incidents & safety breaches	24/06/2024
Club records - current club member list	24/06/2024
Range 6- barrels in bullet catcher not filled completely	28/06/2024
Range 2- Traget frame had exposed steel in impact area	24/06/2024
Range 2- Plastic drums not filled completely	18/07/2024
Range 2- RH side backstop below 2.5m	18/07/2024
Range 1- RSOs	27/09/2024
Range 1- Steel frame for the steel plate in the Coff	11/07/2024
Annual Report & not recording members FAL	15/10/2024