

10 July 2017

Dear Misha,

Thank you for your request for information relating to proceeds of crime actions which you sent on 17th June 2017.

In your message you specifically requested –

1. The total value in NZD that the police have seized in assets and cash under the Misuse of drugs Act/Asset forfeiture annually for the years stated below.

2016
2015
2014
2013
2011

We will also provide the 2012 calendar year figures, for completion. Please note that the provided information is on assets restrained or forfeited, not seized. Seized assets are those held temporarily under other legislation, whereas restrained and forfeited assets are those for which Restraining and Forfeitures Orders are issued under the Criminal Proceeds Recovery Act (CPRA) 2009. Restrained assets are assets that have been taken from the control of alleged offenders and placed in the hands of the Official Assignee while further investigations take place. Forfeited assets are assets that, following their initial restraint, have been forfeited to the Crown.

Tables 1 and 2 below provides the number and estimated value of assets restrained and forfeited for the calendar years in question.

Table 1: Value of Assets restrained by the Asset Recovery Units in 2011-2016

Year	Restraints (\$M)
2011	35.44
2012	48.75
2013	72.96
2014	93.93
2015	91.59
2016	29.34
Total	372.01

Table 2: Value of Assets forfeited by the Asset Recovery Units in 2011-2016

Year	Forfeitures (\$M)
2011	16.28
2012	16.37
2013	15.61
2014	21.80
2015	12.26
2016	52.95
Total	135.27

Please further note:

- a) All data is provisional and is drawn from a dynamic operational database. They are subject to change as new information is continually recorded. These numbers were run on 26 June 2017.
- b) The values of all Orders made under CPRA are estimated. The value of an asset cannot be known until it has been realised.

If you are not satisfied with any aspect of the decisions made in this response you are entitled to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review.



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