

## Comments from New Zealand<sup>1</sup> (received on 03. 01. 2006)

### **Eighth United Nations Survey of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal justice Systems - Police Section, covering the period 2001 – 2002**

The verification process identified two major issues for New Zealand.

1. Missing items. These items were of two types. For the eighth survey, New Zealand identified several items where they did not wish to respond. These items comprised the major cause of missing items. The Ministry of Justice has written to you in the past providing details of items where a response would not be provided with reasons for the non-response. For the other missing items information was not available, or could not easily be found. New Zealand does not wish, or is not able, to supply information for these missing items.
2. Total recorded **embezzlements**. For the seventh survey New Zealand changed the definitions of some offences. The offences where the definition changed were; total theft, automobile theft, fraud, and embezzlement. However, the figures provided in tables 2 and 3 (recorded crime and persons brought into formal contact with the Police) did not use the new definitions. For the seventh survey the figures in the other tables that detail the type of offence (Tables 6 and 10) used the correct new definitions. The eighth survey also used the correct new definitions in all the tables. The correct figures for tables 2 and 3 of the seventh survey are provided below.

Table 2 Crimes recorded in criminal (police) statistics by **type of crime including attempts to commit crimes, 1998 - 2000** (corrected figures for selected types of crimes)

	1998	1999	2000
Total theft	133976	127691	125755
Automobile theft	31593	26509	23093
Fraud	23135	19798	120750
Embezzlement	151	105	83

Table 3 Persons brought into initial formal contact with the police and/or the criminal justice system, by type of crime where initial formal contact might include being suspected, **arrested, cautioned etc., 1998 - 2000** (corrected figures for selected types of crimes)

	1998	1999	2000
Total theft	30454	31401	32141
Automobile theft	4966	4637	4635
Fraud	11766	9860	9962
Embezzlement	76	63	35

<sup>1</sup> Minor edits by UNODC