

Networked Security

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Introduction

Now is the time to think differently about security in PNG

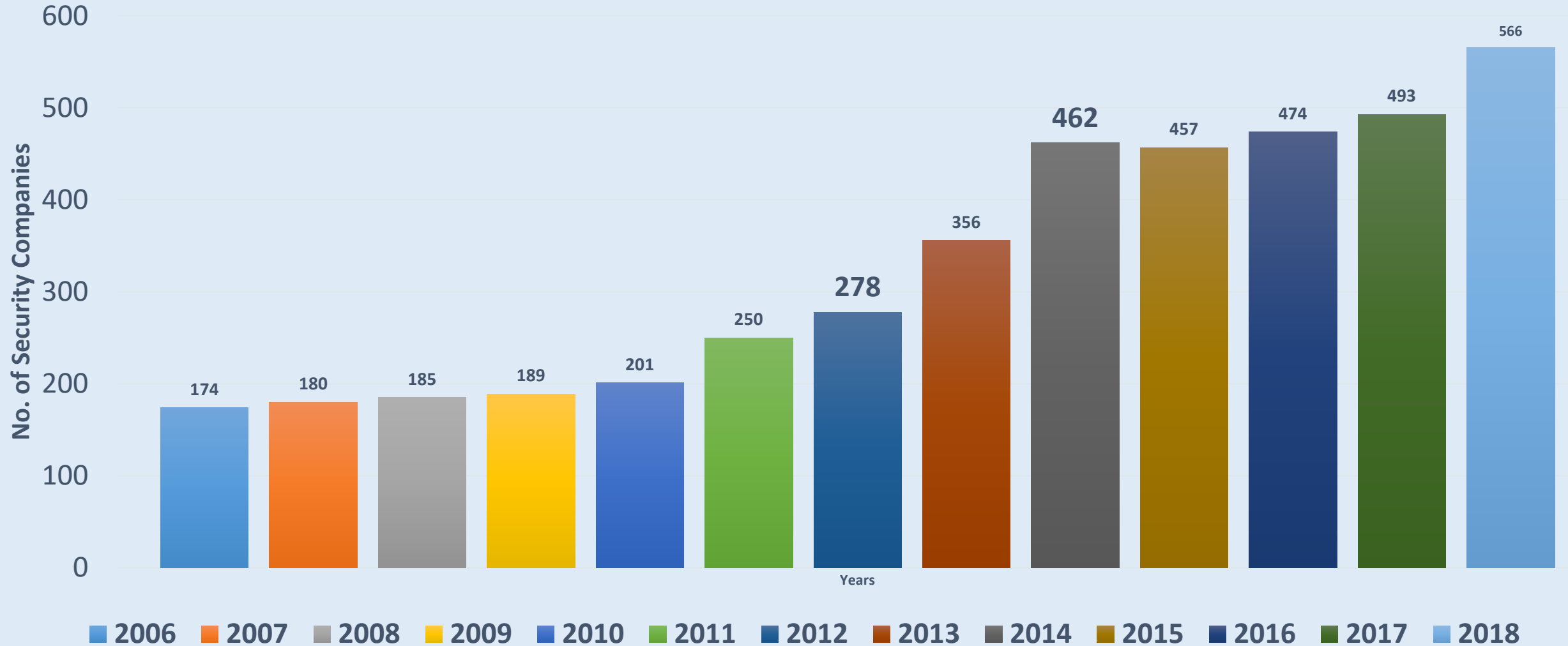
Weakness of police

New opportunities?

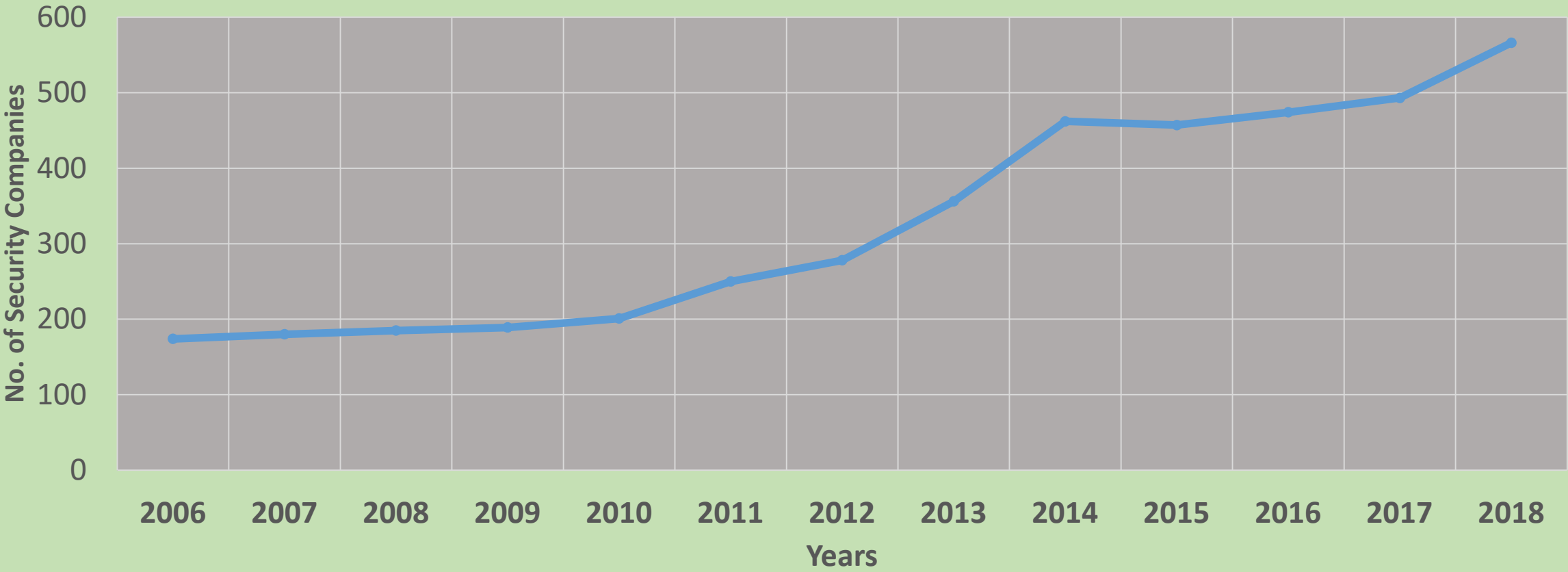
- New Government
- New Police Minister, Bryan Kramer
- Soon to be appointed Commissioner

What do we know? Security (Protection) Industry Act 2004 & SIA

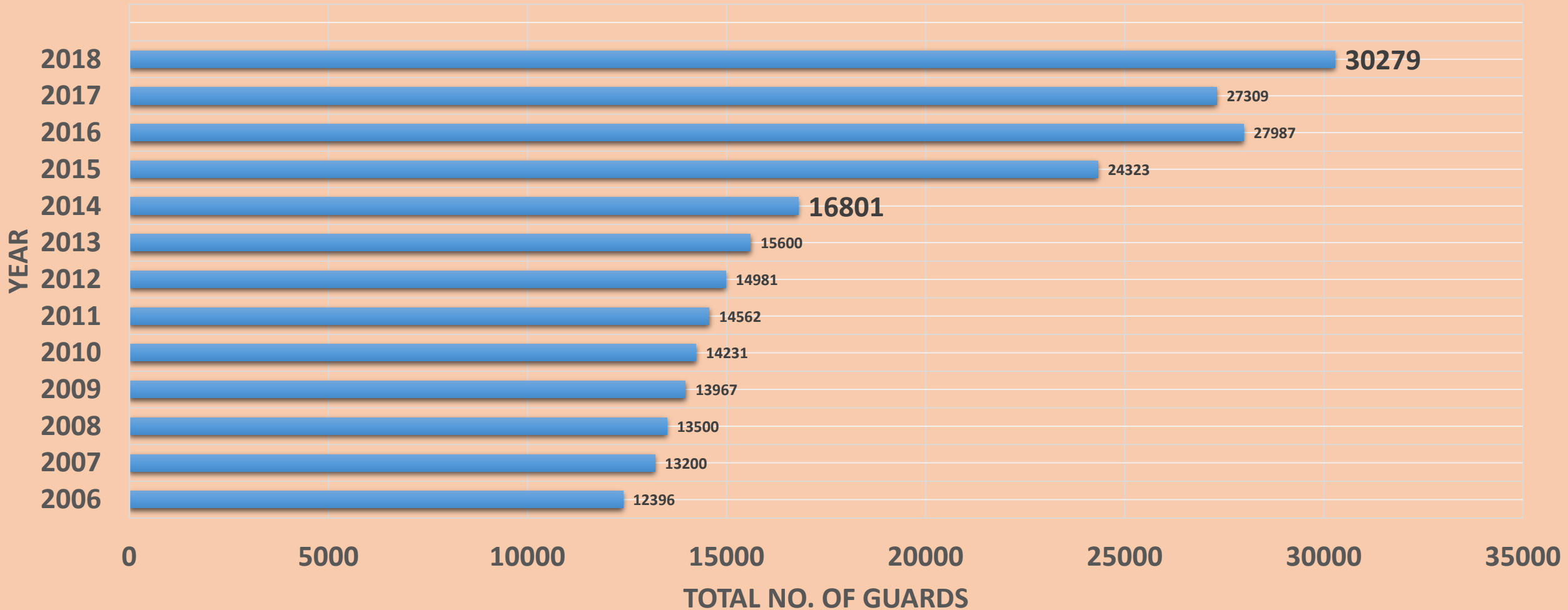
Growth of Licensed Security Companies (SIA)



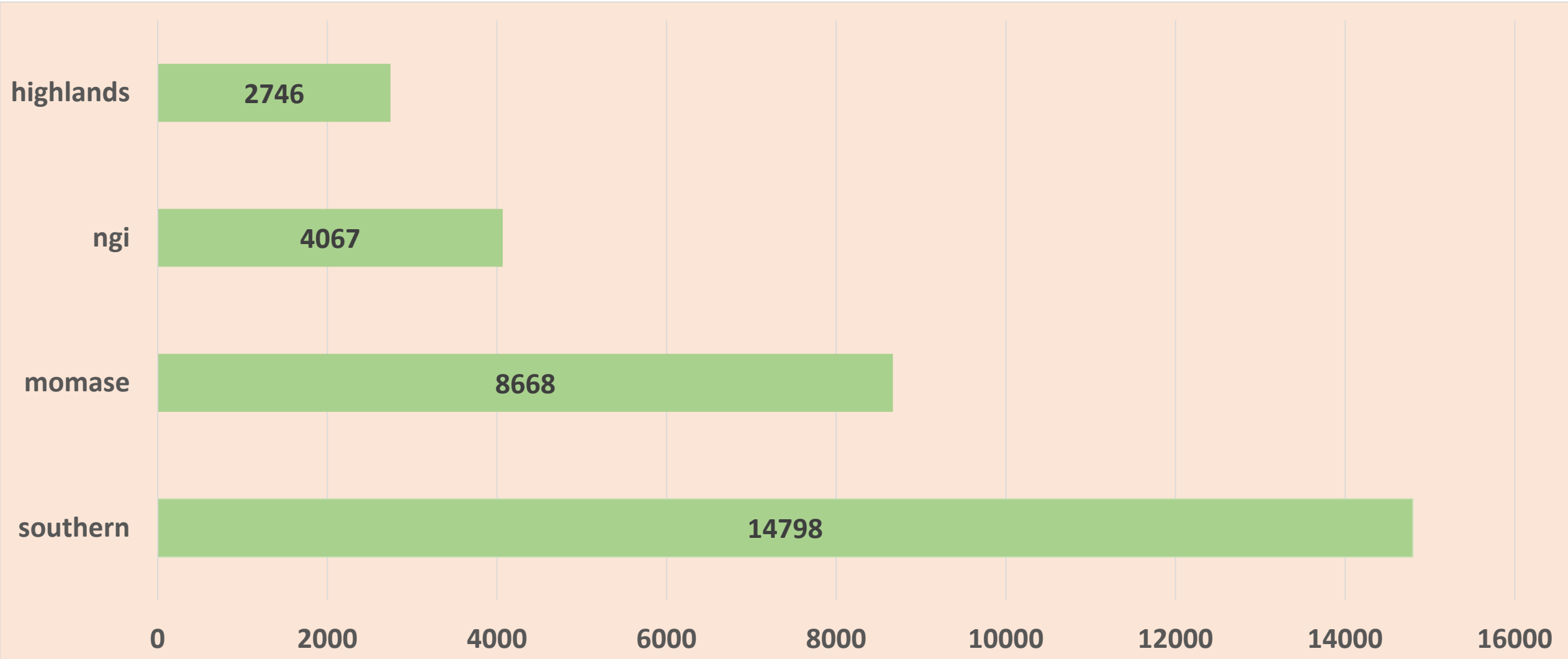
Trend line showing growth of security companies 2006-2018 (SIA) Annual growth rate: 15.3%



Number of licensed guards (SIA)



Total security guards issued permits by region



Factors of growth

Questions around representativeness official figures

But growth is apparent due to:

- Urban growth
- Widespread insecurity
- Prominence of resource extraction
- Favoured investment for local elites
- Manus
- Significant international/regional events
- Saturation of global north; increased growth in global south


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Challenges of private-public partnerships

- private providers are highly exclusionary
 - providers currently privilege powerful state and business interests over security of ordinary citizens.
 - Re-incentivising to improve public security will not be easy
- the industry is poorly regulated
- concerns around encouraging further collaboration
 - Encroaching on police
 - Divert attention from strengthening police
 - Public-private partnerships can privilege business interests

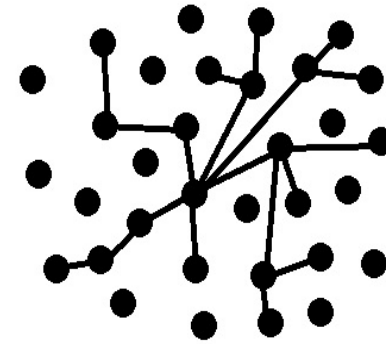
Thinking about security

Public and private delineation

- private security as gap filler

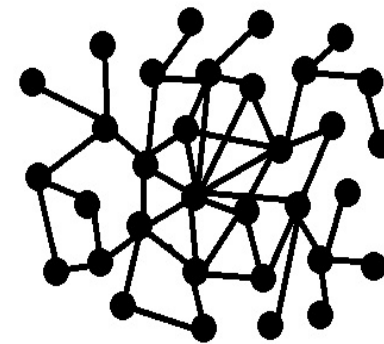
OR

Networked pluralised security landscapes



weak network

unintegrated individuals,
individuals held to network by
only one relationship, network
overreliant on star figures



strong network

all individuals integrated, many
individuals held to network by multiple
relationships, reliance on star figures
diminished by relationships unrelated
to star figures

Diversity of security networks

- Services offered
- Geographies; territoriality
- Big vs small
- In-house vs outhouse

Preliminary findings: Networks are key

Local, national and transnational connections:

- between police and companies;
- companies and communities;
- companies and elites (business and political)
- between different companies;
- within companies.

Preliminary findings: Security networks are gendered

- Male dominated –
 - violent industry depends on force (reflecting and reproducing masculine culture?)
- Women involved in specialised roles: admin and “women’s spaces”
- Securitising masculinities?

Conclusions/ways forward

- Private security here to stay, not an aberration
- Need to better understand networked security in PNG
- Potential for greater collaboration between police and private security companies
 - Already happening (formal & informal)
 - Regulatory and operational framework agreements?
 - Training: private security > police?
 - Give private security more police powers?

Needs more research!