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REF: OIA-10769 and OIA-10770

Dear Oscar

### **Requests made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your emails of 15 August 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I request the following in regards to smart speed cameras throughout New Zealand.*

- 1. Documents released as referenced in the article linked below.*
- 2. How many are in planning.*
- 3. Locations of all planned smart speed camera locations (both point a and b of the camera).*
- 4. Any documents/plans in relation to issuing demerit points from a speed camera.*
- 5. Estimated profits.*

In a separate email, also of 15 August 2022, you requested the following:

- 6. the location of each of your 2000+ traffic management cameras located through New Zealand.*

I will answer both requests in this response. I have numbered each part of your request/s for convenience and will address each part in turn.

#### **1. Documents released as referenced in the article linked below.**

The documents you have requested are publicly available under the *Tolling back office system and safety camera system* response on the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency website here: [www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act/media-official-information-act-oia-responses/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act/media-official-information-act-oia-responses/)

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act because the information you have requested is already publicly available.

## **2. *How many are in planning.***

While indicative only, as outlined in the Road to Zero Action Plan 2020-22, the first phase of safety camera investment could include the roll out of approximately 100 additional cameras, including a range of different types of cameras, for example, average speed, mobile, red light and fixed cameras. You can find the action plan here: [www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Report/Road-to-Zero-Action-Plan\\_Final.pdf](http://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Report/Road-to-Zero-Action-Plan_Final.pdf).

No decisions have been made about how many cameras might be rolled out beyond the first phase. A number of scenarios have been considered, and these scenarios continue to be revised as new information comes to hand. I am therefore withholding the number of safety cameras considered under these scenarios under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of free and frank expressions of opinion.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

You can find out more about Waka Kotahi safety cameras (including those yet to be transferred from NZ Police) at the following link: [www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/partners/speed-and-infrastructure/safety-cameras/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/partners/speed-and-infrastructure/safety-cameras/)

## **3. *Locations of all planned smart speed camera locations (both point a and b of the camera).***

A decision has not been made about the future coverage of 'smart speed' cameras, also known as average speed or point to point cameras, and so no locations have been confirmed.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by Waka Kotahi, and I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

## **4. *Any documents/plans in relation to issuing demerit points from a speed camera.***

Te Manatū Waka – Ministry of Transport is currently carrying out the Road Safety Penalties Review as part of the Road to Zero Action Plan 2020-22 which includes plans to consult on changes to the demerit system. This part of your request has been transferred to Te Manatū Waka for reply as it aligns more closely with its functions.

## **5. *Estimated profits.***

There are no profits estimated. Infringement fees that would be generated from safety cameras would go into the Crown's Consolidated Fund, not to Waka Kotahi. We have not made any estimates of fee revenue in the Safety Camera System Indicative Business Case and have no plans to do so.

The financial benefits in the Safety Camera System Indicative Business Case refer to the monetised benefits of reducing deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by Waka Kotahi and I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

**6. the location of each of your 2000+ traffic management cameras located through New Zealand.**

Waka Kotahi currently operates 1,405 traffic management cameras across New Zealand. This figure does not include cameras used for enforcement purposes, those used in the safety camera trial or those yet to be transferred over from the NZ Police.

The following document falls within the scope of this part of your request and is enclosed:

- Attachment 1: Waka Kotahi traffic management camera list Aug 2022.xlsx

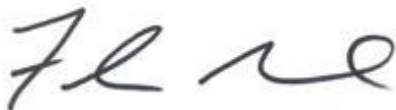
Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse parts of this request and withhold some information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Te Manatū Waka - Ministry of Transport recently consulted on the Regulatory System (Transport) Amendment Bill (RSTA2) which includes measures to support the operation of average speed cameras. You can find more information on the Bill here: [consult.transport.govt.nz/policy/te-whakahounga-o-te-pire-tiaki-ture-t-nuku-land/](http://consult.transport.govt.nz/policy/te-whakahounga-o-te-pire-tiaki-ture-t-nuku-land/)

Whilst the implementation of new safety cameras has not yet been detailed, we would not expect to begin operating average speed cameras without providing advance notice to road users of enforcement commencing or raising public awareness of what the technology is and how it works.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Richard Stewart, Programme Director Automated Compliance, by email to [Richard.stewart@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Richard.stewart@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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