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Dear K Bradley

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received 23 August 2023 for information infringements and court penalties within the trucking industry.

Please note Police can only report on the infringement offences. Information about penalties resulting from court charges is information held by the Ministry of Justice. I understand that your request has already been forwarded to the Ministry of Justice to supply this information.

Additionally, Police does not hold infringement information on vehicles by industry; however, detail on the vehicle type is collected. I have therefore interpreted "trucking industry" to be any vehicle where its specified type on an infringement offence notice was either "Heavy Motor Vehicle" or "Articulated Vehicle".

With that in mind, I have answered each part of your request below.

1. *What is the yearly total of infringement notices and court penalties for the NZ trucking industry (general)*

I refer you to Table One below for a breakdown of the total number of infringement offences for each of the last three complete calendar years.

Please note this table contains provisional data which is drawn from a dynamic operational database on 5 September 2023. This is subject to change as new information is recorded or recoded.

The COVID-19 pandemic proved to be challenging for staff engaged in road policing. Public health measures required the redeployment of Police staff to support the health response and, coupled with staff illness, saw road policing related outputs decline. Since those measures have been lifted, Police has seen a return to expected levels of road policing prevention and enforcement activities.

2. *What is the yearly total of infringement notices and court penalties for SMEs in the NZ trucking industry*

Police does not hold information on 'Small and Medium Enterprises' within the trucking industry. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as the information requested is not held by Police and I have no grounds for believing it is held by any other agency subject to the OIA.

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3. *An overview of infringement notices and court penalties over the different trucking industries (eg Heavy Haulage, Logging, Long Haul)*

As previously explained, Police does not hold infringement information by industry. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as the information requested is not held by Police and I have no grounds for believing it is held by any other agency subject to the OIA.

4. *The most common reasons for infringement notices and court penalties being issued to the NZ Trucking industry*

I refer you to Table One below.

5. *The ratio and cost to Drivers of receiving infringement notices and court penalties compared to their Companies*

Police would be required to undertake analysis of raw infringement data to determine such comparative values. An analysis of this magnitude would amount to the creation of new information, and there is no obligation under the OIA for an agency to create information in order to respond to a request.

This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as the information is not held by Police and I have no grounds for believing it is held by any other agency subject to the OIA.

6. *Any reports that have been done on assessing how best to reduce the risk of companies and drivers receiving infringement notices and court penalties (eg: adopting certain types of technology, adopting new processes)"*

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Team (CVST) encourage commercial vehicle operators and drivers to operate within the safety regulations to protect the road network and all road users. CVST regularly engages with drivers and companies engaged in the trucking industry to identify and address road safety risks.

To provide you this information, Police would be required to spend a significant amount of time collating, reviewing, and redacting the associated reports. As this would place an unreasonable administrative burden on Police, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



**Superintendent Steve Greally**

Director: Road Policing

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**Table One: Number of infringement offences detected where the vehicle type was specified on the infringement offence notice as 'Heavy Motor Vehicle' or 'Articulated Vehicle', by offence category and calendar year.**

<b>Offence Category</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Road User Charges & Overloading	2327	2766	3680
Warrant And Certificate of Fitness	1513	2475	3445
Logbooks, Driving Hours & Vehicle Related Offences	2043	2275	2701
Speeding	2249	2304	2189
Vehicle Related Offences	1412	1750	1931
Driver Licence	490	775	1288
Transport Licensing	520	658	875
Vehicle Equipment	216	318	472
Driver Duties and Obligations	133	199	215
Manner of Driving	144	152	157
Parking	5	8	18
Duties and Obligations	12	7	9
Alcohol Related Offences	4	4	5
Litter Act & Miscellaneous	1	7	5
Pedestrian, Horse, Moped & Cycle Offences	1	1	2
Alcohol and Drug Related Offences	0	0	3
Speed Camera Offences	2	0	1
Non-Traffic Infringements and Offences	0	1	0
<b>Total Infringement Offences</b>	<b>11,072</b>	<b>13,700</b>	<b>16,996</b>