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Dear Mason

Request for Information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 30 September 2022, in which you asked for information regarding Police's Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras and related documentation.

My response to each of your questions can be found below.

In an OIA response from 27 September 2022 (IR-01-22-22232) the Police stated that 10 of their 28 Police owned ANPR cameras are 'static'. It is stated that those 10 static cameras are now feeding ANPR data into the vGRID database run by SaferCities. (<https://www.documentcloud.org/projects/other-oia-responses-209939/>)

However, in the Police manual ANPR chapter released September 2022, it states that Police "PROPOSES" to identify a suitable plan to retain for "Police owned and generated [number plate information]" for longer than the previously accepted 48 hours. (<https://policepolicy.nz/policies/automatic-number-plate-recognition/u-vfuqg/automatic-number-plate-recognition-210922.pdf>)

1. Please provide all information related to any integration or plan to integrate Police generated ANPR data onto vGRID. Include emails directed at or from the emergent tech group. If there is a substantive collection of data, provide a list of available information and I will file a follow up request.

The response of 27 September 2022 to the question regarding video processing refers to Police owned static cameras and the SaferCities platform. Static cameras are purchased by Police infrequently and are added to the SaferCities platform on a case-by-case basis.

The section of the Police Manual you have referred to above applies to Police owned mobile ANPR camera units. The number plate information (NPI) gathered by these units is not uploaded to any third party and is held solely within the Police network. The consideration in the Police Manual of an increase to retention period of NPI collected from mobile ANPR units is not related to Police owned static cameras connected to SaferCities' network.

As there are no plans to purchase and integrate further static cameras and no plans to integrate Police mobile NPI into any SaferCities' platforms, this information does not exist and your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA.

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2. *When did the Police migrate their static ANPR cameras onto vGRID?*

Police static ANPR cameras are connected to SaferCities vGRID on a case-by-case basis. There has been no single migration.

3. *Please provide all risk assessments, privacy [assessments], or similar, related to third party ANPR databases. P.s don't send the PIA executive summary from 2017, unless of course, you would like to release the entire document. It would now be in the public interest to so :)*

Regarding your request for Police's 2017 Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), I refer you to my previous responses to IR-01-22-22446 and IR-01-22-22232.

Auror and SaferCities have carried out their own PIAs to satisfy their obligations under the Privacy Act (2020) by identifying and mitigating any of the potential risks arising from the collection, use, or handling of personal information. Police sought an understanding from these companies as to their treatment of any potential privacy risks, for which they provided Police with their PIAs. This information must therefore be protected as disclosure is likely to prejudice their respective commercial positions.

Information regarding any risks to the platforms that Police use is critical to their safe operation. Information on any risks provided by these companies must therefore be subject to an ongoing obligation of confidence to ensure that information will continue to be proactively provided to Police. The companies' PIAs are therefore withheld with reliance on sections 9(2)(b(ii)) and 9(2)(ba) of the OIA.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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