MINO-707 Meeting with Verra Mobility

13 April 2023

Provide advice on Verra Mobility's request to meet with the Minister on 8/9 May 2023.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Waka Kotahi believes it will be beneficial for the Minister to meet with Verra Mobility (parent organisation of Redflex) as it will be an opportunity for the Minister to emphasise expectations of a strategic technology supplier to support the Government's safety camera programme.

Background:

- Verra Mobility/Redflex are the incumbent supplier of safety cameras (speed and red-light cameras) to the New Zealand Police, Waka Kotahi, Auckland Transport and Christchurch City Council.

- Waka Kotahi has novated the New Zealand Police contract and signed a Master Services Agreement (MSA) with Verra Mobility/Redflex as the supplier of safety camera hardware for the first phase of the expansion (approximately 100 cameras).

- For subsequent phases of safety camera expansion, Waka Kotahi has indicated it will consider using other safety camera suppliers, which would require approval from either the Minister of Transport or the Minister of Police to designate them as the approved vehicle surveillance equipment (AVSE) for use in New Zealand.

- In addition to the safety camera hardware, Verra Mobility/Redflex also provide associated software to remotely manage the cameras, verify offences and process infringements.

- Verra Mobility/Redflex also offer outsourced services (e.g., infringement processing and mobile safety camera operations in Australia and the United States (USA).

- Verra Mobility/Redflex did not supply the cameras for the recent trial of mobile phone and seatbelt detection technology conducted by Waka Kotahi. These were supplied by an Australian company called Acusensus.

Note for the Minister's consideration:

- Waka Kotahi recommends that someone from Waka Kotahi is present in the meeting, who can represent the safety camera programme and offer more detailed briefing notes if required.

- On 26 October 2022, a Radio New Zealand article made reference to a bribery case in Chicago 2012 that Redflex was involved in.

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- Waka Kotahi conducted thorough due diligence and was aware of this case when selecting Redflex, who are a well-established and trusted supplier of safety cameras in the global market.
- The full article is available online at: www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/477400/us-firm-contracted-for-national-transport-ticketing-system-involved-in-weapons-manufacturing

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