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Ref: OIA-3700

Dear Jo

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 1 April 2018, received on 3 April 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could I please get information on your staff which have been caught speeding in work vehicles from the GPS units in the vehicle or speeding tickets?

Information relating to staff that have been caught speeding in work vehicles is detailed on our website, and is linked below. Information relating to speeding tickets is contained in Appendix 1 - Speeding Infringements.

Please note that the GPS units record speed data continuously, with data reported once for every 500 metres travelled. If a vehicle is exceeding 100km/h at the point in time when the speed is measured during a 500 metre travel segment, it is recorded as a "speeding instance". This means that a single trip by a single driver where speeds exceed 100km/h may account for multiple recorded instances of speeding.

Could I please get the speed the staff were doing in the vehicles which were caught doing over the legal limit - for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018? And how many were doing those speeds?

This information is available on our website at: <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/gps-speed-data-for-transport-agency-fleet-vehicles/>.

If you are able to tell me what was the limit of where they were speeding ie 50km/h, 70km/h, 100km/h?

The GPS data only captures data over 100km/h so we are unable to provide this information. However, Appendix 1 detailing speeding infringements does provide information on speeding in the lower speed zones.

Could I please get which roads these vehicles were caught over the legal speed limit for the same years?

As noted above, Appendix 1 shows the location of the over-speeds in the lower speed zones.

Could I please get what the fastest speed that was over the legal speed limit?

The fastest speed limit recorded falls between the 130km/h-140km/h range and there were nine instances in the period October 2014 to August 2015. There have been no recorded instances in that range since that date.

What speed that was and how many vehicles had been caught doing that and where that occurred and when?

As noted above, there were nine instances between October 2014 and August 2015 however our GPS system at that time did not record location.

Could I please get how many vehicles were caught travelling over 110km/h, 120km/h, 130km/h, 140km/h, 150km/h, 160km/h, 170km/h, 180km/h, 200km/h ? Where these incidents occurred for the same years as above

According to the GPS data on our website, during the period October 2014 to March 2018 we had 1,695 instances of speeding over 111km/h; 193 instances of speeding over 121km/h; and 12 instances of speeding over 131km. There were no speeding occurrences in the 140km/h to 200km/h range.

Could I also get the positions of the staff that have been caught driving over the speed limit for the same years? And what speed they were caught doing for the same years?

Because some staff would be easily identified if we provided staff positions, we are providing numbers of staff only. This information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to "protect the privacy of natural persons..."

How many speeding tickets as NZTA received for their fleet vehicles? In the years 2014 through to 2018?

A total of 45 speeding tickets have been received during the period 2014 to 2018.

How far over the limit the drivers were? Where the speeding occurred? And where if possible?

There is a range of over-speeds which you will see from Appendix 1, but over-speeds range from 5km over the speed limit to 23km which was incurred in 2014. The locations of the over-speeds can be found in Appendix 2.

Who pays for the speeding tickets?

Our policy states that all infringements (including parking) and resulting penalties will be transferred into the name of the driver responsible for the vehicle at the time. It is the driver's responsibility to resolve the infringement or penalty. The Transport Agency will not reimburse any costs.

Could I please get figures for staff that has been caught drink driving while driving work vehicles for the same years?

What was there alcohol reading - or how far over the limit they were for the same years, please?

Where were they caught driving over the limit?

No Transport Agency staff have been caught drink driving while driving a work vehicle.

What happens to employees that are caught drunk driving in a work vehicle?

Driving in excess of the legal alcohol limit (regardless of whether or not the level of alcohol is sufficient to result in a criminal conviction) is considered to be serious misconduct. Such examples of serious misconduct are treated on a case by case basis. In all circumstances, a thorough investigation would be carried out using a fair and impartial process.

The following information falls within the scope of your request and is enclosed:

- Appendix 1: Speeding Infringements 2014-2018.

Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to "protect the privacy of natural persons..."

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.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to withhold this information. For more information, the Ombudsman website is www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager – Media, Governance, Stakeholders and Communications, by email at andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 901 6285.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Harrison'.

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