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Dear Duncan

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 15 August 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- The total number of NZTA staff, or contractors, subjected to fines for speeding offences committed, while driving NZTA owned or leased vehicles, broken down into each year, from 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2018*
- The total number of NZTA staff, or contractors, found to have committed a traffic offence of any nature, while driving NZTA owned or leased vehicles, broken down into each year, from 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2018*
- The total number of Police warnings issued to NZTA staff, or contractors, for all driving offences committed, while driving NZTA owned or leased vehicles, broken down into each year, from 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2018*
- The total number of internal NZTA warnings issued to NZTA staff for all driving offences committed, while driving NZTA owned or leased vehicles, broken down into each year, from 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2018*
- The total number of staff terminated from NZTA employment following a, or multiple, traffic offence(s) being committed, while driving NZTA owned or leased vehicles, broken down into each year, from 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2018*

I also ask that anything within the spirit of this request that is not mentioned be included in your response. Please respond to the email addresses included in this initial request.

As your request is comprised of multiple parts, I have responded to each part of your request below.

You have requested information on NZ Transport Agency contractors. I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act because the information requested is not held by the Transport Agency and I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department, Minister of the Crown or a local authority.

1. *The total number of NZTA staff, or contractors, subjected to fines for speeding offences committed, while driving NZTA owned or leased vehicles, broken down into each year, from 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2018*

Financial Year	Number of occurrences
2008/09	14
2009/10	14
2010/11	19
2011/12	33
2012/13	8
2013/14	17
2014/15	17
2015/16	10
2016/17	9
2017/18	8

2. *The total number of NZTA staff, or contractors, found to have committed a traffic offence of any nature, while driving NZTA owned or leased vehicles, broken down into each year, from 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2018*

Please note, we have included parking tickets and any other infringement in the definition of 'traffic offence'.

Financial Year	Number of Occurrences
2008/09	14
2009/10	14
2010/11	29
2011/12	42
2012/13	8
2013/14	21
2014/15	31
2015/16	28
2016/17	22
2017/18	19

3. *The total number of Police warnings issued to NZTA staff, or contractors, for all driving offences committed, while driving NZTA owned or leased vehicles, broken down into each year, from 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2018*

The NZ Transport Agency are not aware of any Police Warnings issued to staff for any driving offences committed while driving Transport Agency owned or leased vehicles.

4. *The total number of internal NZTA warnings issued to NZTA staff for all driving offences committed, while driving NZTA owned or leased vehicles, broken down into each year, from 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2018*

Where a traffic offence has been committed, our approach is that People Leaders coach or counsel staff in the first instance, and a disciplinary investigation or action is undertaken where appropriate. Repeated behaviours are routinely escalated to disciplinary investigation, and may be considered misconduct under the Transport Agency's Code of Conduct.

Disciplinary actions such as formal warnings are not stored centrally but rather on individual staff files. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

5. *The total number of staff terminated from NZTA employment following a, or multiple, traffic offence(s) being committed, while driving NZTA owned or leased vehicles, broken down into each year, from 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2018*

No Transport Agency staff have been terminated on these grounds.

Additionally, GPS speed data for Transport Agency fleet vehicles is published on our website on a monthly basis. The Transport Agency publishes this data in order to encourage safe driving by our staff, and to demonstrate transparency and accountability for our role in road safety leadership. This is available at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/gps-speed-data-for-transport-agency-fleet-vehicles/>.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to in-part refuse this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that we will also be publishing the response to this request on our website: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-media/official-information-act/official-informationact-ia-responses/>

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andy Knackstedt, Media Manager, by email to Andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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