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Dear Amanda

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 28 March 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding the NZ Transport Agency's Zero Harm reporting App and SafetyApp apps. Your specific questions and the NZ Transport Agency's answers are outlined below.

1. *What companies or individuals were commissioned to create these apps?*

The NZ Transport Agency commissioned development of the first version of the Zero Harm App to Lean Machine Limited. A contract to develop the second version of the Zero Harm App was signed between the Transport Agency and SafetyApp Limited.

The Transport Agency did not commission development of SafetyAppPro App (<http://www.safetyapppro.com/Site/index.html>). It has been developed separately by SafetyApp Limited.

2. *When did this work occur?*

The first version of the Zero Harm App was developed between November 2014 and April 2015. The second version of the Zero Harm App was developed between December 2016 and June 2017.

3. *How much did NZTA pay for the development of each app?*

The development of the first version of Zero Harm App cost approximately \$60,000 and the development of the version two cost just over \$190,000.

4. *Did any NZTA staff members own shares in or were they directors of any of the companies involved in this app development work?*

At the time of the development of the Zero Harm App, no Transport Agency staff member was a director of Lean Machine Limited and/or a shareholder in that company.

5. *If so, did they benefit financially from the contract work?*

Please see my response to question 4.

6. Is that permitted under NZTA's employment contracts or staff code of conduct and conflicts of interest policies?

Staff are required to disclose interests at any time that a potential or actual conflict of interest may arise through their involvement with a particular project or activity of the Transport Agency.

The 'Balancing Interests' section of the Transport Agency's Code of Conduct states the following:

- *We recognise that the standard of integrity expected from the state sector is sometimes higher than what's expected of other people.*
- *We understand that conduct outside of work may damage the trust and confidence the Transport Agency, our communities and stakeholders have in us. We make sure our non-work interests and activities don't harm the Transport Agency's reputation.*
- *We are aware of the potential for conflicts of interest, and always act fairly, impartially and transparently. We don't let personal interests or personal relationships affect our decisions.*

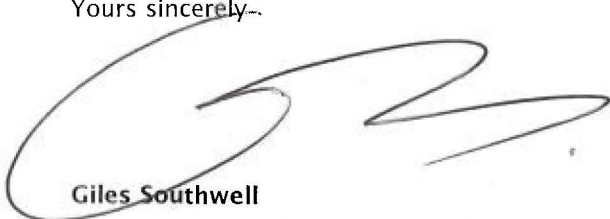
The Transport Agency's Conflict of Interest Policy is also attached for your information.

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my response to your request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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

Yours sincerely--



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