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Dear Phil

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2019 asking for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your specific questions and Transport Agency's answers are outlined below.

- 1. The full extent of its contract(s) with MZ and where they are at, and their cost; pls include reference to whatever contract(s) cover:**
 - a) CCTV cameras (and probably associated software and data processing platform)**
 - b) GPS trackers**
 - c) Weigh in Motion.**

The Transport Agency had a contract with Machine Zone (MZ) for the MobilityOS pilot (Choice and Ridemate). The Transport Agency does not have any current contracts with MZ.

As outlined in the media response provided to you on 21 August 2019, MZ was provided with access to a camera site in Auckland as part of a trial/demonstration of new camera technology and capability. The camera site was not connected to our wider network. Two cameras were used at the site. The purpose of the trial was to test the cameras' potential for enforcement of high occupancy vehicle lane compliance and enabling traffic prediction. The information from the cameras was analysed in real time and was not stored or retained. The cost of MZ trialling the camera technology was covered by the contract for the MobilityOS pilot.

The MobilityOS pilot did not invest in GPS Trackers.

There was no work undertaken with MZ in relation to Weigh in Motion.

- 2. Is it accurate to report the contract with MZ that covered Choice was for, or approximately for, 5 years and \$12? Did this amount also cover all other MZ contracts including for all the items above? (On 18 September 2019 you clarified that '\$12' should be '\$12 million').**

No, this is not accurate and is not the case for either the suggested period or the suggested contract costs. The contract value the Transport Agency had with MZ was \$1 million.

- 3. NZTA has said its Mobility contract with MZ ceased in December 2018.**
- a) How did NZTA exit this contract partway through without cost to the taxpayer?**
 - b) Was this for non-performance by MZ?**

The Transport Agency did not exit the contract partway through. The contract ended in December 2018 and was not renewed.

- 4. Pls advise if it is accurate that CJS halted the rollout of a traffic incident management system in 2017 close to it going live, and in its place chose to develop a solution on an MZ platform.**
- a) Pls advise of what occurred when this system went live at the Johnsonville Transport Ops centre in 2017 and the nature of any problems with it, and what then happened to it – and links to anything made public about this previously (RNZ will be submitting OIAs in due course re this).**

This was outlined in the Transport Agency's letter of 16 September 2019 in response to your previous request for information (Ref: OIA-5658).

- 5. The Deloitte report raises issues of transparency and budgetary accountability: My searches of the Annual Review info on contractors and consultants, on the link you provided, does not show up MZ or Machine Zone. Pls refer me to where the contract(s) with it have been made public.**

The Transport Agency is reviewing its responses to the Select Committee questions about contractors and consultants in light of the new 'Guidance to Enable State Services Agencies to Consistently Measure and Report their Usage of Contractors and Consultants' released by the State Services Commission. The narrative and updated information on contractors and consultants will be provided to the Committee at the hearing in December 2019 and will be publicly available shortly after.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my response to this 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 Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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