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Dear Hamish

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 24 September 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I'm hoping to learn more about where things stand with NZTA taking over the management of the speed camera system from police.

To that end, could you provide to me in a searchable format all reports, memos, briefings and legal advice about replacing the PIPS system.

All reports, memos, briefings and legal advice pertaining to the Automated Compliance and Intervention Management project which was reported to be replacing PIPS.

All reports, memos, briefings and legal advice about whatever new system is being brought in to manage the speed camera system within the Transport Agency.

The time period to be covered is 1 May 2019 until now.

I'd also like to know how much has been spent on the new speed camera system, how much is it likely to cost in total, who is contracted to design and build it, and how long it is expected to take before it is operating.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has recently launched the Tackling Unsafe Speeds programme which responds to one of fifteen actions in Road to Zero, the Government's new road safety strategy. More information on the Tackling Unsafe Speeds programme can be found here:

<https://www.transport.govt.nz/multi-modal/keystrategiesandplans/road-safety-strategy/tackling-unsafe-speeds/more-information-on-the-tackling-unsafe-speeds-programmenew-page/>

The objectives of this programme are to:

- Implement a simpler and more effective regulatory framework for speed management
- Transition to lower speed limits around schools to improve safety and enable more kids to walk or cycle to school safely
- Adopt a new 'highly visible, no surprises' approach to safety cameras.

The third part of this programme is enabling the safety camera transfer from NZ Police to Waka Kotahi, this programme has superseded the Automated Compliance and Intervention Management programme.

In the time period you have identified for your request, the programme team has been establishing and developing a programme business case to formalise the new programme. A *Procurement Plan* and *Request for information* for a safety camera management system and infringement processing system is currently under development and will then be advertised on the Government Electronic Tender Service (GETS) in the next month

or so. The total programme costs relating to the safety camera transfer incurred between May 2019 and Aug 2020, as part of the wider Tackling Unsafe Speeds programme, is \$1,080,544. Please note that this work has a wider scope than just the establishment of a replacement for the Police Infringement Processing system.

A high-level estimate of the cost for a new system has been included in the programme business case for budgeting purposes only, and to-date no vendors have been engaged to design and build any new system. Waka Kotahi is currently working towards having a capability established in the second half of the 2022 calendar year.

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- Attachment 1: Programme Reference Group - Programme Procurement Update – September 2020
- Attachment 2: Programme Reference Group - Programme Procurement Update – October 2020

The following documents fall within the scope of your request but have been withheld:

- Request for Information - Withheld under Section 18(d) as the information is publicly available. It can be found here:
<https://www.gets.govt.nz/NZTAHNO/ExternalTenderDetails.htm?id=23471764>
- *Draft* Programme Business Case - Withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) as the release of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- *Draft* Procurement Strategy - Withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) as the release of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Waka Kotahi is withholding the draft of the Programme Business Case and the Procurement Strategy because they provide details of cost estimates and our procurement approach. Disclosing this information would damage Waka Kotahi's negotiating position by setting a benchmark for future projects and revealing information about projected costs, thus would impact Waka Kotahi's ability to negotiate more favourable terms.

Other than the documents listed above and a high-level requirement documents for the above technology platforms, no further reports, memos, briefings and legal advice about replacing the PIPS system or a new system have been developed.

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 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Waka Kotahi, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media by email at Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 894 6284.

Yours sincerely



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