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REF: OIA-7312

Dear Libby

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 3 November 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). We will answer each of your request in turn as follows:

**1. How many people are currently on an alcohol interlock licence?**

As at 5 November 2020, 3,810 individuals hold a current alcohol interlock (AID) licence.

**2. How many alcohol interlock licences were issued in each of the following years: 2016, 2017, 2018 (could you please split this into two sections - before and after July, when they became mandatory for repeat drink-driving offences), 2019, 2020?**

I refer the answer to spreadsheet OIA-7312 (request).

**3. A breakdown of the above by region in NZ, for 2018 (from July), 2019, and 2020.**

I refer the answer to spreadsheet OIA-7312 (request).

**4. Will an alcohol interlock device be fitted in each case where an alcohol interlock licence is issued? If not, why not?**

The responsibility to install the Alcohol Interlock Device (AID), following the Court Sanction and resulting issuance of an AID licence, sits with the licence holder.

**5. The average time a person spends on an alcohol interlock licence**

As at 10 November 2020, the average days spent on an AID licence by an individual based on the start date of the AID licence and the start date of the Zero Alcohol licence is 495.79 days.

**6. What is the shortest time a person has spent on an alcohol interlock licence? Which year was this, and in which region?**

As at 10 November 2020, the shortest time an AID licence was held by an individual is 1 day. The individual was issued the AID licence in 2014 and is regionalised to the Auckland region.

**7. What is the longest time a person has spent on an alcohol interlock licence? Which year was this, and in which region?**

As at 10 November 2020, the longest time an AID licence was held by an individual is 2,238 days. The individual was issued the AID licence in 2014, and is regionalised to the Southland/Otago regions.

**8. How many people received a subsidy for the interlock in each of the following years: 2018 (after July), 2019, 2020?**

I refer the answer to spreadsheet OIA-7312 (request).

**9. How much was paid out in subsidies in each of the following years : 2018 (after July), 2019, 2020?**

I refer the answer to spreadsheet OIA-7312 (request).

**10. Anything else you wish to add.**

You can find more information about the Alcohol Interlock programme here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licences/driving-offences-and-penalties/alcohol-sentencing/alcohol-interlock-programme/#getting-your-licence-issued>

We have enclosed a spreadsheet (Attachment 1: OIA-7312 (request).xlsx) containing the rest of the requested information. The data in this letter as well as in the spreadsheet, should be considered in conjunction with the caveats provided on the first tab of the spreadsheet.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Media Manager, by email at [Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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