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Dear Oscar

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I understand there is work being undertaken in conjunction with NZ police to put in place point-to-point cameras on Dunedin's southern motorway (SH1)

Wondering:

- 1. At what stage is this process?*
- 2. What parts of the motorway will the cameras cover?*
- 3. What suppliers are being worked with for the cameras?*
- 4. Are any other agencies or groups being consulted? If so, who?*
- 5. Will the cameras only monitor speed or do they monitor other driving infractions too? If so, what infractions?*
- 6. Have any estimations been provided as to the effect of the cameras (i.e., estimates of the reductions in deaths and serious injury)? If, so what are they?*
- 7. Has a business case been completed?*
- 8. What will the cost of the rollout be?*
- 9. How many cameras will be put in place and when are they likely to be installed and activated?*
- 10. Are there any other locations in the Southern District being considered for point to point cameras?*
- 11. Where else have point to point cameras been placed in NZ? Where will they be placed?*

I have numbered each part of your request for convenience and will address each in turn.

1. At what stage is this process?

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is not currently working with the New Zealand Police to put in place point-to-point (P2P) cameras on the Dunedin Southern Motorway. However, the Southern Motorway has been identified as a potential corridor for P2P cameras (also known as average speed cameras) in the future. No Southern Motorway P2P camera sites have been confirmed.

2. What parts of the motorway will the cameras cover?

There are currently no plans for what parts of the motorway any proposed cameras would cover, however, the Southern Motorway from Mornington Road south to State Highway 87 (approximately 8.5kms) has been identified as a corridor that could be suitable for consideration in the future.

3. What suppliers are being worked with for the cameras?

We are not currently discussing P2P cameras for the Southern Motorway with any suppliers.

4. Are any other agencies or groups being consulted? If so, who?

If a decision is made to install P2P cameras on the Southern Motorway in the future, the local Road Controlling Authority, Iwi, Local Government, the New Zealand Police and organisations such as the AA would be consulted.

5. Will the cameras only monitor speed or do they monitor other driving infractions too? If so, what infractions?

Current legislation only enables the monitoring of speed and red-light offences.

6. Have any estimations been provided as to the effect of the cameras (i.e., estimates of the reductions in deaths and serious injury)? If, so what are they?

As corridors are identified, the camera option that provides the best death and serious injury (DSI) outcomes is considered, based on the ability to physically install a camera at the location. Where possible, average speed systems are preferred given their better ability to reduce DSI incidents. Overseas data shows up to a 48 percent reduction in deaths and serious injuries in locations where P2P cameras are present.

7. Has a business case been completed?

A detailed business case for the national approach to safety cameras has been completed. This will be made publicly available on our website in the coming months. There is no business case specific to the Southern Motorway.

Please note the Tackling Unsafe Speeds Programme Business Case and Safety Camera System Indicative Business Case are both publicly available on our website. These can be accessed at the following links:

- Tackling Unsafe Speeds Programme Business Case: www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/partners/speed-and-infrastructure/safety-cameras/relevant-documents/tackling-unsafe-speeds-programme-business-case/.
- Safety Camera System Indicative Business Case: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/oia-2022/oia-10452-attachment-4.pdf

8. What will the cost of the rollout be?

All sites across Aotearoa New Zealand have different conditions and challenges. Because sites have not been fully investigated or confirmed, costs cannot be finalised. I am therefore refusing this part of

the request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by Waka Kotahi and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

9. How many cameras will be put in place and when are they likely to be installed and activated?

There are currently no plans to install and activate cameras on the Southern Motorway. All national candidate sites and risk profiles must be determined first to ensure the best outcome for positively influencing a reduction in DSIs. I am therefore refusing this part of the request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by Waka Kotahi and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

10. Are there any other locations in the Southern District being considered for point to point cameras?

There are no specific locations being considered in the Southern District.

11. Where else have point to point cameras been placed in NZ? Where will they be placed?

At this time, there are no P2P cameras operational in NZ. Safety camera sites will be determined based on safety risk and considered alongside speed limit changes and infrastructure safety improvements.

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

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Ministerial Services by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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