

17 February 2022

REF: OIA-9406

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 January 2022 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) about speeding instances and traffic signal offending committed in Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency vehicles for the period from 1 January 2021 to 1 December 2021.

I will answer each of your request in turn below:

- 1. For the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 for each posted speed limits of 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 and 110 km/hr, how many instances were detected in NZTA vehicles, whilst being driven by an NZTA staff member [...]**

The information available from our GPS system is recorded in the below table.

Please note that all events below are in excess of 250 metres. The GPS systems used by Waka Kotahi are set to capture over-speeds from 10km/h or over. I therefore cannot provide any information for less than 10km/h over the speed limit.

January – December 2021	Posted Speed Limit (kms per hour)								
Kms over speed limit	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110
10kms	0	0	54	20	3	26	0	49	1
Between 11 -20	0	1	67	44	7	99	1	44	0
Between 21 -30	1	0	6	4	1	1	0	3	0
Between 31 - 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Between 41 -50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Over 51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2. How many staff members have been counselled by the NZTA?

Where a traffic offence has been committed, our approach is that People Leaders coach or counsel staff in the first instance. A record of this coaching conversation is noted on the individual staff files.

To make this information available, it would require a manual search of the personnel records of every staff member who has been employed by Waka Kotahi. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

3. How many have received verbal warnings?

Waka Kotahi does not issue verbal warnings. All warnings are recorded in writing.

4. How many have been required to take some sort of remedial action (explain what)?

Any remedial action, such as redoing the driver training learning module, refamiliarizing themselves with applicable policy, and any required driver training course is not centrally recorded but is stored on individual staff files.

To make this information available, it would require a manual search of the personnel records of every staff member who has ever been employed by Waka Kotahi. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

5. How many have been prosecuted for the offending identified?

Waka Kotahi is not aware of any Police warnings or prosecutions issued to staff for any driving offences committed while driving Waka Kotahi owned or leased vehicles.

6. How many have been dismissed for the offending identified?

None.

7. How many staff members have been identified as speeding multiple times, since the NZTA started keeping records, specifically:

- a. Twice, or
- b. Thrice, or
- c. Four times or more?

Please see the below table:

01 January - 31 December 2021	
Number of overspeeds	Number of individuals
2	32
3	20
4 or more	28

8. Of those staff members identified in 7a, b or c, how many have been prohibited (stood down) from driving NZTA vehicles as a result?

None.

- 9. For the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, please provide me with the number of offences detected by speed cameras (Police or otherwise) with regard to vehicles registered to the NZTA whilst being driven by an NZTA staff member, including the speed detected and the speed limit for the applicable location in each instance, if any.**

Waka Kotahi has received no notifications of offences detected by speed cameras with regards to vehicles registered to the Waka Kotahi whilst being driven by a Waka Kotahi staff member.

- 10. For the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, please provide me with the number of offences detected by traffic light cameras with regard to vehicles registered to the NZTA whilst being driven by an NZTA staff member.**

Waka Kotahi has record one infringement for 'failing to comply with the instructions given by a steady red-light signal in the form of a disc' against a Waka Kotahi staff member driving a Waka Kotahi vehicle for the period of 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Lokum', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Lokum
General Manager, People