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REF: OIA-12411

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 11 April 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Pursuant to Section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982, the following information is requested concerning the recent surveillance device installations at the intersection of Postman Road and Dairy Flat Highway Dairy Flat; the intersection of Coatesville Riverhead Highway and Dairy Flat Highway Dairy Flat, outside 2109 East Coast Road Stillwater and at the intersection of John Briam Drive and East Coast Road Redvale.
Image of surveillance device at the intersection of Postman Road and Dairy Flat Highway Dairy Flat attached.*

- 1. Under what legislative authority are the surveillance devices installed and operated?*
- 2. What public/private information is captured by the surveillance devices?*
- 3. What public/private captured information is subsequently retained?*
- 4. What time period is the retained information held for?*
- 5. What entities or persons have access to the captured or stored information?*
- 6. What is the intended purpose of capturing or storing the information?*
- 7. Are any specific activities disallowed with the captured or stored information?*
- 8. How is captured or stored information that is outside the authority to operate the surveillance device dealt with?*

I will address each of your queries in turn.

Under what legislative authority are the surveillance devices installed and operated?

No legislative authority was needed for the temporary installation of the cameras. The cameras were automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras, installed at either end of a roading corridor by a company called 'Team Traffic', a traffic engineering and vehicle surveying company. The sole purpose for installing them for just over a week was to survey vehicle speeds through the corridor to help Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to determine whether average speeds on that corridor are a safety issue. They were not used to detect and enforce speeding offences.

What public/private information is captured by the surveillance devices?

Images with the registration plate details of each vehicle were captured by each of the two cameras. These details were processed to obtain the elapsed travel time for each vehicle. This was then aggregated and anonymised for sending to Waka Kotahi for analysis to inform future safety camera deployment options.

What public/private captured information is subsequently retained?

Team Traffic will retain the images and registration plate details.

What time period is the retained information held for?

The images and registration plate details will be retained for three months and then deleted by Team Traffic.

What entities or persons have access to the captured or stored information?

Two Team Traffic staff will have access to the images and associated vehicle registration plates so that these can be checked again if queried by Waka Kotahi.

Waka Kotahi had no access to the images and associated registration plate details stored by Team Traffic. Waka Kotahi only received aggregated and anonymised data.

What is the intended purpose of capturing or storing the information?

As noted above, the sole purpose was to survey vehicle speeds through the corridor on behalf of Waka Kotahi to help determine whether average speeds on that corridor are a safety issue. Waka Kotahi is currently investigating the future use of average speed / point-to-point safety cameras, which has previously been detailed as part of the Road to Zero Initial Action Plan (page 14 refers): www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Report/Road-to-Zero-Action-Plan_Final.pdf.

This baseline data will also enable Waka Kotahi to estimate potential offence volumes if average speed / point-to-point safety cameras were to be installed on that road corridor.

Are any specific activities disallowed with the captured or stored information?

Team Traffic did not have access to the motor vehicle register so was unable to identify the registered person for each vehicle.

Waka Kotahi only received from Team Traffic aggregated and anonymised vehicle details to enable the average speed to be calculated for each. As noted above, Waka Kotahi was unable to use these details to identify individual vehicles.

How is captured or stored information that is outside the authority to operate the surveillance device dealt with?

All storage and capture of information was in relation to the purpose of surveying vehicle speeds through the corridor. The cameras function by taking an image of the vehicle licence plate and were

not recording video or capturing images of any other activity in the area. All of the images are stored securely and scheduled for deletion three months after the survey.

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.correspondance@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Marsh', written in a cursive style.

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