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Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 12 June 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

This is a request for Official Information under the Official Information Act 1982 in relation to Smart Cameras, as well as the Smart Camera recently installed on State Highway 1 between Kawakawa and Moerewa specifically.

We request the following information:

- *How much has been spent in total on installing this smart speed camera on State Highway 1 so far, including but not limited to all costs for testing, installation, maintenance and other miscellaneous costs.*
- *How much has been spent on the smart camera project so far, including but not limited to all costs for design, procurement, testing, installation and other miscellaneous costs*
- *The privacy assessment impact carried out with regards to smart cameras, and any correspondence or meeting minutes related to this.*
- *Do the model of smart cameras being tested and/or considered for rollout have ANPR capabilities?*
 - o *If the answer to the above is yes, please provide any emails or other correspondence as well as the minutes of any meetings where the cost implications of choosing ANPR-capable models is discussed.*

I will address each of your queries in turn below. First I would like to provide you with some context around the Safety Camera Systems (SCS) programme of work.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is delivering a new approach to safety cameras to help reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on our roads. Safety cameras are a key intervention under Road to Zero, Aotearoa New Zealand's road safety strategy, and contribute to reducing deaths and serious injuries by encouraging people to drive at the posted speed limit.

This new approach includes transferring the ownership and operation of safety cameras from NZ Police to Waka Kotahi, increasing the number and type of safety cameras on high-risk roads, and taking a best practice approach to signage.

You can find more information about the rollout of the cameras, at the following link, including confirmation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and the privacy impact assessment for the Te Tai Tokerau camera test period, from June to November 2023:

- www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/partners/speed-and-infrastructure/safety-cameras/safety-camera-rollout.
- *How much has been spent in total on installing this smart speed camera on State Highway 1 so far, including but not limited to all costs for testing, installation, maintenance and other miscellaneous costs.*

As the project is still in progress information about costs is undergoing consideration and is confidential. I am therefore withholding this information in full under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act to protect information, which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where making it available would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, and under section 9(2)(j) to enable Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial and industrial negotiations.

- *How much has been spent on the smart camera project so far, including but not limited to all costs for design, procurement, testing, installation and other miscellaneous costs*

The SCS programme is a multi-year project which is seeking to keep our communities safe and encourage people to make safe choices while driving by increasing the number and type of safety cameras on high-risk roads.

We're progressing with initial installation of nine safety cameras across local roads in Tāmaki Makaurau in partnership with Auckland Transport and NZ Police. We're also installing a camera in Te Tai Tokerau Northland.

The table below sets out the expenditure for the transfer of the safety camera responsibilities from the NZ Police to Waka Kotahi, broken down by expenditure type for the past five years.

Table One – Safety Camera Transfer Costs

Expenditure Type	FY18/19	FY19/20	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23 (YTD to May23)
Personnel	430,074	474,672	2,257,000	5,478,453	11,330,818
Salaries and Wages	147,525	268,287	1,917,321	4,608,388	9,403,678
Contractors	282,549	206,385	333,341	835,955	1,870,469
Other Personnel	0	0	6,338	34,110	56,671
Operating Costs	337,578	113,613	551,038	2,545,831	8,921,530
Travel	448	0	11,208	2,971	79,909
Office and meeting costs	245	0	8,084	13,888	43,011

IT and Telecommunications	0	0	0	0	3,602,335
Contracted Services and Prof Advice	336,885	113,613	531,746	2,528,924	5,196,275
Advertising, Sponsorship and Memberships	0	0	0	48	0
Total	767,652	588,285	2,808,038	8,024,284	20,252,348

- *The privacy assessment impact carried out with regards to smart cameras, and any correspondence or meeting minutes related to this.*

I note that the privacy impact assessment has been released previously, and is available at:

- www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Safety/docs/safety-cameras/safety-camera-privacy-impact-assessment.pdf.

However, the assessment is a living document and a version with updated annexures has been produced.

The documents relating to this part of the request have been provided to you as outlined in the document schedule at the end of this letter. Please note that some correspondence refers to "Annexure 6," this correspondence is discussing Annexure 5.

Certain information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons.

- *Do the model of smart cameras being tested and/or considered for rollout have ANPR capabilities?*
 - o *If the answer to the above is yes, please provide any emails or other correspondence as well as the minutes of any meetings where the cost implications of choosing ANPR-capable models is discussed.*

All the safety camera models being tested and considered for rollout have ANPR capabilities. Additionally, all models since 2014, utilised by the NZ Police, have ANPR capabilities. Waka Kotahi is continuing to use the NZ Police's current supplier, Verra Mobility, which supplies ANPR-capable cameras under a camera supply agreement. Waka Kotahi undertook a due diligence process to ensure that the Redflex safety cameras meet our requirements, including ANPR.

As all cameras already include ANPR capabilities, there has been no consideration of any additional cost implications. There are no emails, other correspondence, or minutes of any meetings where the cost implications of choosing ANPR capable models were discussed.

Therefore, I am required to refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document does not exist.

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 some information and refuse other parts of your 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tara Macmillian', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tara Macmillian
Senior Manager, road safety

OIA-12866 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Description
1.	Attachment 1 2023-06-16 Camera System PIA V5.pdf	Various, this is a living document	Privacy Impact Assessment.
2.	Attachment 2 OIA-12866 Re_ Review of draft PIA annexure.pdf	13 May 2023	Discussion regarding adding annexure 6 to the Privacy Impact Assessment.
3.	Attachment 3 OIA-12866 Draft PIA annexure 6 - Stage 2 - MF Feedback (002).pdf	13 May 2023	Draft copy of Annexure 5 with consultant comments as attached to Attachment 2.
4.	Attachment 4 OIA-12866 Re_ Draft PIA annexure 6 - Stage 2_ FOR YOUR REVIEW.pdf	24 May 2023	Further correspondence regarding Annexure 5.
5.	Attachment 5 OIA-12866 Approval of Stage 2 PIA annexure.pdf	6 June 2023	Annexure 6 being sent for approval within Waka Kotahi.
6.	Attachment 6 OIA-12866 Memo - Stage 2 PIA approval.pdf	6 June 2023	Covering memo for Annexure 5
7.	Attachment 7 OIA-12886 PIA annexure 5 - Stage 2 APPROVED.pdf	6 June 2023	Approved version of Annexure 5
8.	Attachment 8 OIA-12866 PIA annexure on Stage 2 of the safety camera rollout.pdf	13 June 2023	Further correspondence regarding the Annexure