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Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

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Mr Hugh Davenport
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Dear Mr Davenport

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 12 June 2019 for information relating to vehicle incidents involving Police staff.

You requested:

- 1. I would like to know the following information for the year 2018: The number of Police staff involved in a traffic incident (for the purpose of this, I don't mean traffic stops, I mean the Police staff was driving a vehicle and had some incident with another vehicle or property that was reported).*

The total number of traffic incidents reported by police staff, i.e. police staff driving a vehicle and had an incident with another vehicle or property, in 2018 was 1,480.

- 2. The number of those that were sworn staff*

All vehicle incidents are reported directly to our Accident Management Provider and sworn status is not recorded. Police would need to review each individual incident to generate this information. Therefore, this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982, in that the information requested cannot be made without substantial collation or research.

- 3. The number of reports that were made by a member of the public*
- 4. The number of reports that were made internally*

New Zealand Police does not record this information. Therefore, this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, in that the information requested is not held.

- 5. The number of reports that involved a collision with a vehicle*

The number of reports that involved a collision with another vehicle is 701.

- 6. The number of reports that involved an injury*

The number of reports that resulted in an injury to a police staff member is 31.

- 7. The number of reports that involved a close call with a vehicle*

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New Zealand Police does not record this information. Therefore, this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, in that the information requested is not held.

8. *For each of the reports from 5,6 and 7, a brief description of what happened, whether the staff was sworn or not, and what outcome was for the staff member involved if any.*

The term 'outcome' was later clarified to mean enforcement action against Police staff. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet which provides a brief description on what happened and what the injury was for our staff (if any) for these incidents. Please note that when looking at the incident description, "Client" refers to New Zealand Police and "TP" refers to the other party involved in the incident.

New Zealand Police is separated into 12 Districts and any enforcement action is carried out at the local district level, with the files relating to that enforcement action held locally. Police would need to review each individual file to determine what enforcement action was taken for each incident. Therefore, this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982, in that the information requested cannot be made without substantial collation or research.

You have the right, under section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S Greally', written in a cursive style.

Superintendent Steve Greally
National Manager Road Policing