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REF NUMBER: IR-01-19-33586

Ms Hannah Baxter
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Dear Ms Baxter

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 9 December 2019 for information relating to the contacting of a driver's employer.

You requested:

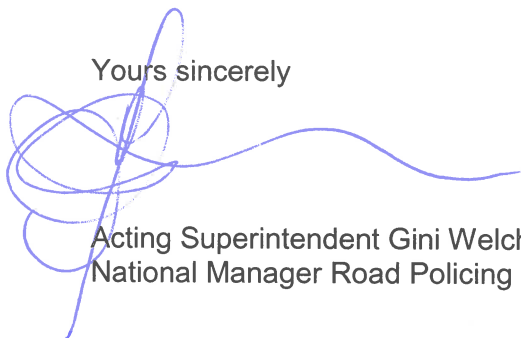
1. *Whether it is routine protocol for an officer at a traffic stop, such as a TAG checkpoint, to contact a subject driver's employer giving the employee's name and nature of the traffic stop? No offence was committed.*

It is not routine protocol for a New Zealand Police officer at a traffic stop; such as at an Impairment Prevention Team checkpoint (formerly known as a Tactical Alcohol Group (TAG) checkpoint) or a mobile road safety base, to contact a subject driver's employer, and give the employee's name and nature of the traffic stop.

However, this action may be taken in some circumstances where a significant potential risk of harm has been identified, involving the driver and/or other members of the public, and where the employer may be able to take action to prevent those risks. This action may also be taken in circumstances where the employer is the registered owner of the vehicle.

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



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