

9 December 2013

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Dear Ms Raue

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 20 November 2013 concerning the implementation of coronial recommendations.

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 1 July 2013 concerning the implementation of coronial recommendations.

You requested the following information:

All documentation and information, including policy, relating to whether the following coroners' recommendations have been implemented and if so, to what extent they have been implemented:

- Gavin George Anderson, a courier driver, died at Lawrence on the morning of 15 May 2012 from fatal injuries sustained in a vehicle crash. File Ref: CSU-2012-DUN-000197 2012-NZ CorC 2. The coroner recommended that a copy of this finding be forwarded to the Police order that the issues identified relating to driving hours (requiring courier drivers make logbooks) be re-appraised.
- Amanda Sharon Brunt died on 29 May 2011 on Hakarimata Road, Hgaruawahia, as a result of injuries sustained in a high energy impact car crash. File Ref: CSU-2011-HAM-000244 2012-NZ CorC 127. The coroner recommended that the police (specifically the National Road Policing Manager) maintain or increase their ongoing public awareness campaign and enforcement action with regards to dangers to drivers being distracted due to cell phone use while driving and that the responsible government agency reduce the legal limit for the amount of alcohol in the blood of a driver to 50mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood in line with the majority of overseas countries.
- Halatau Kianamanu Naitoko died on the North Western Motorway Grey Lynn, Auckland on the 23rd January 2009 as a result of a gunshot wound to the chest. Halatau Kianamanu Naitoko was accidentally shot by Police. File Ref: CSU-2009-AUK-000144 2011-NZCorC105. The coroner made the following recommendations to the Police:

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I. Police continue work on equipping their fleet of vehicles with automated AVL technology.

II. Police should ensure that radio protocols are strictly enforced and in particular continue work to encourage its members to log on with the appropriate Communications Centre manually where an automated system has not been installed. Police should review the section on Aerial Surveillance contained in the Fleeing Driver Policy, in light of the circumstances of this case, to assess if further guidance is necessary to assist Pursuit Controllers in the appropriate use of aerial surveillance.

III. Police should initiate steps to purchase and install video surveillance capability for Eagle. Fitting of video equipment will enable Northern Communications Centre to watch events in real time and facilitate better incident management.

IV. That Police look at a means of identifying general police vehicles in operational use by the AOS. Such identification system should be visible to other vehicles on the ground, and from the air.

V. Police should continue to develop AOS training modules, which endeavour to more closely resemble operational settings.

VI. When deploying on operations, AOS Commanders should acknowledge and take account of the relative experience of its squad members and where possible team squad members with little operational experience with a squad member with more operational experience.

VII. Police investigate the establishment of a Critical Response Vehicle as recommended by Neville Matthews."

Many of the investigations you have cited have been of interest to the Independent Police Conduct Authority and subsequent recommendations made by them have been responded to by NZ Police. In some instances these recommendations have mirrored coronial recommendations. Information pertaining NZ Police's response to the Authority's recommendations fall outside the scope of your request.

Therefore information relating to your request does not exist and is refused pursuant to s18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982. If you are not satisfied with the response to your request you have the right to seek a review of this decision through the Office of the Ombudsmen.

Yours sincerely

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