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Dear G Sharma,

Thank you for your email regarding the absence of demographic information in our Police Safety Order (PSO) statistics.

In response, it is important to understand that New Zealand Police were using a different reporting tool following the introduction of Police Safety Orders (PSOs) in July 2010. During 2011 an evaluation was commissioned to assess the impact PSOs were having. While this report did include demographic information, a significant amount of manual collation was required to link and integrate data existing in disparate tables to produce these statistics.

Since 2014, New Zealand Police have relied upon a different reporting tool to produce its official statistics with the older data sources used for official reporting last updated in December 2014. The shift in reporting tools has required newer datasets to be built; however, at present our PSO datasets only contain information on the number issued, the number breached, and the Police boundary in which these events occurred.

While New Zealand Police are continually developing newer datasets, demographic information, as it relates to PSOs, remains unavailable via a singular source, and requires significant collation to produce such statistics. Plans are underway to build a fuller PSO dataset that contains this information, though given the high level of quality and assurance required in development work, we cannot provide a firm timeline on when this will be implemented.

I trust this clarifies your question.

Yours sincerely,

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