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Dear M Ross

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 request dated 3 June 2021 for information relating to recent protest on Auckland Harbour Bridge.

You requested:

1. *On the 30th May 2021 hundreds of people illegally traversed the Auckland Harbour Road Bridge. Having watched various footage of the complete mockery of the rule of law shown by those attending, I was dismayed to see many were also not wearing helmets [...] How many cyclists during this illegal protest/action were issued with an infringement notice in accordance with Part 11 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 (SR 2004/427), which states that "A person must not ride, or be carried on, a bicycle on a road unless the person is wearing a safety helmet of an approved standard that is securely fastened?"*

No infringement offence notices were issued for cyclists not wearing a helmet during the protest you refer to.

On this particular day, with the large volume of cyclists on the bridge, Police focussed its available resources on maintaining public safety as a priority. Road safety is a priority for Police and while it was concerning that cyclists were not wearing helmets, it was not practical for staff to conduct enforcement activity at that time.

I trust that this information is satisfactory in answering your request.

Yours sincerely



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