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Dear Sophie

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 29 March 2021 for information relating to New Zealand Police's policy.

You requested:

- 1. This question is about how proactive the New Zealand Police is when issuing infringement tickets. So, according to the Code of Practice of the New Zealand Police, if a police officer does not find or mention any issue about the car's WOF or REGO expiry status after they pulled over a car for some other reason such as traffic light infringement or speeding, should the police officer, after going back to the office, double check the expiry status of the car's WOF or REGO to see if they can issue one more infringement ticket?*

There are no such instructions that instruct a police officer to double check the expiry status of a vehicle's warrant of fitness or vehicle registration for the intended purpose of issuing more than one infringement offence notice after a vehicle stop for a primary detected offence has been completed.

If a police officer identifies a warrant or registration offence in any situation, they have the discretion decide the next course of action, whether this issuing an infringement offence notice, written traffic warning, compliance or providing education, depending on the circumstances.

However, in accordance with the Police Instructions on Traffic Patrol Techniques, when an infringement offence notice is issued at the roadside, the driver should be informed of that fact, including the details of the notice. Issuing an infringement notice for an expired vehicle licence or warrant of fitness in the manner you have described, and without informing the driver, does not meet Police's expectations of good practice.

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

Yours sincerely



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