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REF: OIA-10174

Dear Oscar

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 24 May 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*The "secret location" of all the mobile phone detection cameras.*

*The dates/period of the trial.*

*Total cost for the phone detection cameras.*

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is trialling the safety cameras to get a better understanding of how many people drive while using their mobile phones and don't wear their seatbelts. Waka Kotahi will also assess the suitability of using the camera images for enforcement purposes. The locations have not been publicly disclosed in order to ensure people don't alter their behaviour as a result of the cameras, as this will affect the accuracy of the trial results.

I am refusing the location information under section 6(c) of the Act which provides for refusal when the information is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

The trial began on 24 May 2022 and will last for 6 months. The total cost of the trial is expected to be roughly \$380,000. This figure includes the cost of the camera technology, installation, and operation.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of your request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact the Ministerial Services team by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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