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Dear Michael

Information Request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 22 July 2022, in which you requested information relating to the New Zealand Police (Police) vehicle fleet.

My response to each of your questions can be found below.

- 1. How many "pool vehicles" are operated by Police in the greater Wellington region?*

There are currently 10 pool vehicles in the Wellington District located at the various Police stations within it. These are separate to the 20 vehicles assigned to the Criminal Investigations Branch (CIB) in the District.

To give this some context, many workgroups within the Police have a "pool" of vehicles allocated to their workgroups for staff to use as part of their role.

- 2. As at 22 July 2022, how many of these had expired registration?*

As at 22 July 2022, none of the pool vehicles in the Wellington District had an expired registration.

- 3. What systems or processes, if any, are in place for ensuring registration of Police vehicles are kept up to date? (brief description please).*

Police uses a third-party fleet management vendor, to maintain and licence all Police vehicles. Licence labels are posted to each Police district, where they are then forwarded to the relevant work group to place in the respective vehicle.

- 4. Assuming a process is in place, what caused the process failure in this instance?*

Although our third-party vendor ensures all Police vehicle licences are purchased before their expiry dates, there have been odd occasions where the label is delayed in getting placed in the police vehicle. Delays can be due to both the internal and external mailing systems, or the label has been sent to a district or work group where the vehicle has been relocated to another area. These are just a couple of examples.

5. *Is there a 'back-up' process, i.e., why did the officer not check registration before taking the car out on the road?*

The current process works well to ensure our vehicles are relicensed prior to their expiry dates, however as mentioned, there have been odd occasions where it was discovered that a Police vehicle is not displaying a current label for one of the aforementioned reasons. In these cases, police staff can get a 'reprinted' licence label from any of the Waka Kotahi agents (e.g. VTNZ).

Where time and operational demand allow, police officers are required to carry out operational pre-deployment checks of their vehicles prior to use. The vehicle displaying an expired licence label, is part of the pre-deployment check and the responsibility of the officer who is carrying out those checks.

In this instance I am not aware of a reason for this oversight, and the incident has been brought to the attention of that working group supervisor. It has been confirmed that licence for police vehicle, JFE470 (referred to in your correspondence), had been renewed on 28 June 2022 prior to the expiry of the old label (5 July 2022).

I trust this information is of use to you.

Your sincerely



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