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Dear Barry

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 29 September 2022 in which you requested the following information relating to speeding infringements.

Up until recent times, it has been understood that there is a tolerance of 9km/h above the speed limit. I recall many times when police would advertise certain long weekends that the tolerance was exempt for those long weekends and people would be fined for any speeding.

It is my understanding that by changing the wheel size on your car, from say 17" to 22" this can vary the speed on your odometer, I have no idea by what value, but I learnt this from a police officer actually

My wife recently obtained a speeding ticket for going 6km/h over the speed limit and her mum (my mother in law) received one for going 4km/h over the speed limit.

MY. QUESTIONS:

1. *How many speeding tickets have been issued over the last 10 years in the following categories for each year. (see next question for example asking for each individual year break down).*

Exceeding the speed limit fixed by not more than 10 km/h

Exceeding the speed limit by more than 10 km/h but not more than 20 km/h

Exceeding the speed limit by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h

Exceeding the speed limit by more than 30 km/h but not more than 35 km/h

2. *How many speeding tickets have been issued in the last 10 years (by year) for less than 10km/h, for example:*

2022:

5 tickets where the vehicle was 4km/h over the limit

10 tickets where the vehicle was 5km/h over the limit

15 tickets where the vehicle was 6km/h over the limit

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2021:

2 tickets where the vehicle was 4km/h over the limit

3 tickets where the vehicle was 5km/h over the limit

4 tickets where the vehicle was 6km/h over the limit

I refer to you Tables 1 and 2 below for a breakdown of the requested information.

Police is committed to reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads and has no tolerance for speeding at any time of the year. Motorists should expect to be stopped for any speed above the posted speed limit. The activation setting for safe speed cameras varies dependent upon operational capacity.

Evidence shows a direct correlation between mean travel speeds and the risk of death or serious injury crashes. For every 1 km/h reduction in mean speeds there is a 5% reduction in road trauma which equates to 16 lives saved each year.

- 3. How many fines for each year in the last 10 years have people been ticketed for not going the posted speed limit, please also provide grouping by travelled speed if available*

I have interpreted this part of your request to be for the value of the infringement offences recorded for exceeding the posted speed limit. The data provided includes all recorded infringements regardless of the outcome, such as whether the fee was paid, waived, or referred to the Ministry of Justice unpaid. Please note that all monies paid in respect of infringement fees are deposited into a Crown Bank Account; Police does not retain any of the monies received.

Offences for exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 50 km/h are not infringement offences, they are instead dealt with by way of a prosecution. The penalties for these offences are determined by the Court and Police does not hold this information.

I refer to you Table 3 below for a breakdown of the requested information.

Please note the information supplied to answer your requests was extracted on 4 October 2022 and contains provisional data which is drawn from a dynamic operational database. This is subject to change as new information is recorded or recoded. The data contains offences detected by both officers and safe speed cameras.

If you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request, you have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to ask the Ombudsman to review my decisions. Information on how to do this is available online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely



Inspector Mike Brooklands

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Table 1: Number of speed offences recorded by excess speed band and calendar year.

Excess Speed	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1-10 km/h	225,278	265,811	424,762	359,196	305,428	258,051	235,386	308,108	245,546	197,093
11-15 km/h	384,353	388,581	413,027	352,838	338,283	361,599	608,314	614,725	562,091	473,024
16-20 km/h	142,182	141,984	144,975	131,159	135,529	140,649	214,144	219,042	214,927	190,424
21-25 km/h	48,757	48,863	47,925	46,278	50,526	53,337	76,031	79,589	80,597	71,766
26-30 km/h	18,336	18,229	17,679	18,071	20,568	22,261	29,939	31,121	31,891	29,079
31-35 km/h	7,506	7,306	7,317	8,080	9,495	10,343	13,305	13,936	14,429	12,982
36-40 km/h	3,538	3,558	3,570	4,024	4,999	5,524	6,776	7,159	7,555	6,891
41-45 km/h	1,313	1,340	1,404	1,582	1,791	1,977	2,607	2,868	2,856	2,670
46-50 km/h	852	852	900	1,058	1,181	1,361	1,753	1,829	1,970	1,801
Over 51 km/h	471	430	388	427	472	613	1,032	1,192	1,218	1,111
Sum	832,586	876,954	1,061,947	922,713	868,272	855,715	1,189,287	1,279,569	1,163,080	986,841

Table 2: Number of speed offences for under excess speeds under 10 km/h, recorded by excess speed and calendar year.

Excess Speed	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1 km/h	2	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	3	5
2 km/h	2	3	6	4	4	4	3	5	13	6
3 km/h	0	7	7	9	5	3	6	2	32	13
4 km/h	36	74	67	71	77	49	34	33	51	58
5 km/h	64,109	71,099	119,423	103,656	89,266	75,523	68,502	89,745	66,463	43,801
6 km/h	49,842	59,092	93,882	78,897	67,039	58,142	53,521	70,678	52,545	35,822
7 km/h	37,786	44,481	70,218	57,717	49,478	42,593	39,120	51,463	39,118	35,337
8 km/h	29,014	35,210	54,231	44,963	37,411	32,132	29,343	38,235	31,461	28,915
9 km/h	22,993	28,361	43,155	36,089	29,812	24,768	22,550	29,585	26,178	24,231
10 km/h	21,494	27,482	43,772	37,789	32,335	24,837	22,305	28,361	29,682	28,905
Sum	225,278	265,811	424,762	359,196	305,428	258,051	235,386	308,108	245,546	197,093

Table 3: Face value of speed related infringement offences recorded by excess speed and calendar year.

Excess Speed	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1-10 km/h	\$6,758,250	\$7,974,240	\$12,742,830	\$10,775,880	\$9,162,830
11-15 km/h	\$30,747,920	\$31,086,090	\$33,042,000	\$28,226,800	\$27,062,240
16-20 km/h	\$17,061,240	\$17,037,510	\$17,396,640	\$15,738,840	\$16,263,120
21-25 km/h	\$8,288,180	\$8,305,350	\$8,146,990	\$7,866,920	\$8,588,910
26-30 km/h	\$4,215,210	\$4,191,520	\$4,065,480	\$4,156,330	\$4,729,950
31-35 km/h	\$2,250,000	\$2,190,600	\$2,194,500	\$2,423,700	\$2,848,200
36-40 km/h	\$1,412,400	\$1,420,800	\$1,428,000	\$1,608,000	\$1,998,800
41-45 km/h	\$666,060	\$679,830	\$714,000	\$803,760	\$911,880
46-50 km/h	\$532,980	\$533,610	\$563,220	\$660,870	\$740,250
Sum	\$71,932,240	\$73,419,550	\$80,293,660	\$72,261,100	\$72,306,180

Excess Speed	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1-10 km/h	\$7,741,560	\$7,061,520	\$9,243,120	\$7,366,290	\$5,912,760
11-15 km/h	\$28,927,410	\$48,664,610	\$49,177,880	\$44,967,400	\$37,841,790
16-20 km/h	\$16,877,160	\$25,697,300	\$26,285,040	\$25,790,600	\$22,850,520
21-25 km/h	\$9,065,760	\$12,924,930	\$13,529,790	\$13,701,320	\$12,200,220
26-30 km/h	\$5,118,880	\$6,885,740	\$7,157,140	\$7,334,240	\$6,687,940
31-35 km/h	\$3,102,600	\$3,990,600	\$4,180,200	\$4,328,400	\$3,893,700
36-40 km/h	\$2,208,400	\$2,708,400	\$2,862,400	\$3,020,000	\$2,755,600
41-45 km/h	\$1,005,210	\$1,327,020	\$1,462,170	\$1,455,110	\$1,358,130
46-50 km/h	\$846,090	\$1,098,720	\$1,149,120	\$1,238,810	\$1,130,220
Sum	\$74,893,070	\$110,358,840	\$115,046,860	\$109,202,170	\$94,630,880