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REF: OIA-13424

Dear Donna

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2023 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

On 24 August 2023, questions 1 and 4 of your request were transferred to Waka Kotahi by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet as the information you have requested in response to these questions is more closely associated with the functions of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. I will answer your request as listed below.

1. Was any of the emergency services such as FENZ, Hato Hone St John's or Police consulted in regard to the traffic calming measures such as speed humps and slower speed limits in Hamilton?

The Hamilton City speed review followed a process where Waka Kotahi took note of the public sentiment identified when the Hamilton City Council sought feedback on their Speed Management Plan in 2018/19. Waka Kotahi held a formal consultation process from 27 July to 21 August 2020. We also engaged with NZ Police, FENZ and St John throughout the Hamilton speed review process and they had the opportunity to provide feedback.

You can read more about the process and feedback from this consultation in Waka Kotahi's speed review consultation summary report and the speed review project page for further information:

- Hamilton City speed review consultation summary report
<https://nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/hamilton-city-speed-review/hamilton-city-sh1-sh3-sh26-new-permanent-speed-limits-consultation-summary.pdf>
- Hamilton City speed review project page
<https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/hamilton-city-sh1-sh3-and-sh26-new-permanent-speed-limits/>

Regarding the implementations of speed humps, this is not a project conducted by Waka Kotahi.

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18g(i) as the information requested is not held by Waka Kotahi and I believe that the information is likely connected more closely with Hamilton City Council.

4. Has there been an increase in traffic accidents due to the traffic calming measures or added bike lane design in Hamilton?

This part of your request was clarified on 7 September 2023 to add 'any changes from 2022 to 2023'.

I am refusing this part of your request under section 18g(i) of the Act because the information requested is not held by Waka Kotahi and I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department. 'Traffic calming measures' and 'added bike lane design' are not factors contributing to crashes in the crash analysis system, and 2022 and 2023 crash data is incomplete.

As no specific roads were mentioned in the request, what we can provide is crashes in Hamilton over the last 5 years and factors contributing to those crashes.

This information is being provided to you in the attached spreadsheet:

- OIA-13424.xlsx

The data in the spreadsheet should be read in conjunction with the caveats on the first page of the spreadsheet.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Ministerial Services, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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