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Dear Daniel

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 10 August 2015 in which you requested information about vehicle checkpoints conducted in New Plymouth.

You requested:

- ... a list of vehicle checkpoints conducted in the New Plymouth district, categorized by suburb, providing monthly data covering the period 01/01/2014 – 08/08/2015.

The table below shows the number of events coded as a checkpoint and logged with Police's Communication Centres. These events cover the wider New Plymouth area and include checkpoints recorded by four Police stations being Bell Block, Fitzroy Community Policing Centre, New Plymouth Central and Westown. Police do not record the specific location of checkpoints therefore this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information requested does not exist.

Table: Number of vehicle checkpoints recorded in New Plymouth from 1 January 2014 to 8 August 2014

Month	2014	2015	Grand Total
Jan	78	96	174
Feb	36	97	133
Mar	66	106	172
Apr	63	174	237
May	40	118	158
Jun	51	67	118
July	42	98	140
Aug	48	17	65
Sep	69		69
Oct	65		65
Nov	85		85
Dec	68		68
Grand Total	711	773	1484

Note: The numbers above may not be a true reflection of the actual number of checkpoints performed as there is no requirement for Police to record checkpoints and not all checkpoints are logged with Police's Communication Centres. Furthermore, checkpoints are sometimes loaded as a scheduled tasking but are not carried out. These scheduled checkpoints are also included in the above figures and cannot be differentiated from checkpoints that were undertaken.

Vehicle checkpoints are conducted regularly by Police for a variety of reasons including restraints, speed, drink driving or other road safety and criminal activity

purposes. All of these are recorded using the same code and cannot be differentiated.

The code for vehicle checkpoints is also used to record mobile speed camera deployments, commercial vehicle checkpoints and weighbridge operations. Again, these cannot be differentiated and are included in the above figures.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Superintendent Steve Greally
National Manager Road Policing Support