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Jesse Pieterse fyi-request-3290-8c173761@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Jesse

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 29 October 2015 in which you requested information about the total value of traffic infringements in 2014.

You requested:

...the revenue gathered in total in 2014 from traffic violations that did not result in a crash or injury (e.g. speeding, not wearing a seatbelt, carrying passengers or the wrong licence etc).

Please note that Police's focus is not on any fees imposed as a result of infringement notices and Police does not retain any revenue from these notices. Police use infringement notices to influence improvements in driving behaviour to prevent death and injury on our roads.

Police has no record of the total amount of monies generated from traffic violations as this goes directly into the Government's consolidated fund and a significant proportion of notices are finalised in the Justice system rather than within Police. Therefore your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information is not held.

Furthermore, Police has no means to identify which notices did or did not relate to a crash without manually examining each notice. Therefore your request is also refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman in writing 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

Superintendent Steve Greally National Manager: Road Policing