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Our Reference: IR-01-18-18435

Mr Cope
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Dear Mr Cope

I refer to your email of 11 December sent to New Zealand Police regarding TASER and body camera footage. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 ("the Act") and you specifically requested:

Please can you clarify, with appropriate pages from the Police manuals and procedures and with copies of contracts from your suppliers, the following:

1. Retention of TASER (tasercam) and body cam footage

1a. Methods for ensuring compliance with the retention period, eg, what the standard retention period of footage is and how frequently a review of the archive is undertaken

1b. Who has access to the footage and how is that access audited

2. Storage of the above footage

2a. Jurisdiction within which the footage is stored

2b. If an external vendor stores the footage, which vendor, where are they located, and what is the contractual relationship between the New Zealand Police and vendor to protect the footage

2c. Is the footage retained for "machine learning", "artificial intelligence", or similar "training" purposes and by whom

3. A copy of the Digital imaging guidelines, as of 2015 located at: http://intranet/nzp/instructions/manuals/pms/investigation/Pages/Photography_Forensic_imaging.aspx

4. A copy of the TASER (Electronic Control Devices) Police Manual chapter

My response is as follows:

Though Police have a number of sample body cameras, we do not currently have any which are used operationally. Therefore all information relating to body cameras is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

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1. Retention of TASER (tasercam) and body cam footage

1a. Methods for ensuring compliance with the retention period, eg, what the standard retention period of footage is and how frequently a review of the archive is undertaken

All TASER footage deposited in the database has a default retention period of 12 months. Once categorised, which is a requirement by policy, the retention period will be set dependant on category selection of up to seven years.

1b. Who has access to the footage and how is that access audited

Access to TASER footage is limited to the officer whose evidence it is, those the officer has shared it with, and staff within administrative roles in the database. The database maintains an automated audit log retaining full details of all access and activity relating to stored evidence. Information regarding the management of TASER digital evidence including access, roles and permissions is outlined in the TASER (Electronic Control Devices) manual (Attachment A).

2. Storage of the above footage

2a. Jurisdiction within which the footage is stored

TASER footage is stored on Evidence.com which is a digital evidence management programme accessible via the New Zealand enterprise network.

2b. If an external vendor stores the footage, which vendor, where are they located, and what is the contractual relationship between the New Zealand Police and vendor to protect the footage

This information is refused under section 9(2)(b)(ii) where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject of the information.

2c. Is the footage retained for "machine learning", "artificial intelligence", or similar "training" purposes and by whom

The TASER footage held in the database is not utilised for machine learning or artificial intelligence applications.

3. A copy of the Digital imaging guidelines, as of 2015 located at: http://intranet/nzp/instructions/manuals/pms/investigation/Pages/Photography_Forensic_imaging.aspx

Please find attached the Digital Imaging Guidelines which is an extract from the Photography (Forensic Imaging) manual, version 15, released on 11 June 2018 (Attachment B).

4. A copy of the TASER (Conducted Electrical Weapons) Police Manual chapter

Please find attached the TASER (Electronic Control Devices) Manual, version 11, released on 13 November 2018. The section relating to the transport, dispatch and receipt of TASERs has been excluded pursuant to section 6(c) of the Act, to protect the security processes Police use to transport TASERs.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. Dewar', written in a cursive style.

Acting Superintendent Belinda Dewar
National Manager: Response and Operations

