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OIA Request 01-19-8780

I refer to your request received 25 March 2019 in which you requested the following information:

Please provide the total introduction costs that are pertinent to the police cars being replaced including lights and sirens, signwriting, wheel and tyre costs etc.

Please provide costs of the replacement vehicles including lights and sirens, signwriting, wheel and tyre costs etc.

Note well:

This only relates to police cars that are deemed to be unsafe as per news article <a href="https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/crime/111523519/new-smaller-police-cars-to-be-replaced-due-to-safety-fears-over-back-seat-headroom">https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/crime/111523519/new-smaller-police-cars-to-be-replaced-due-to-safety-fears-over-back-seat-headroom</a>

Police do not agree with all of the comments made in the article to which you refer. The liftback vehicle the article refers to is not unsafe, rather the change in vehicle type for frontline use from liftback to station wagon was made to address concerns raised by Police staff in relation to taller staff members sitting in the back seat for long periods of time.

Please note that no vehicles are being replaced as a result of this change. Going forward, Police will only purchase station wagons for frontline use, but the existing liftbacks will be used in other roles, therefore there are no costs associated with this change.

Police withhold the detailed breakdown of costs to replace Police vehicles under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982. Police consider that to make this information available would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of our suppliers.

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

Rob Morgan

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