

5 January 2023

s.9(2)(a) OIA

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Request for Information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 5 December 2022, in which you asked for information regarding Police's CCTV/IP and our use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras. Police's response to each of your questions is set out below.

1. *How many CCTV/IP cameras do NZ Police own? How many CCTV/IP cameras do NZ Police co-own?*

We interpret your request for information on CCTV/IP cameras as a request for information on CCTV cameras. Internet Protocol (IP) refers to the transmission type used to send and receive information, this would include any camera used by Police that uses an IP link to carry a video feed (laptops, boardrooms, etc).

Police does not currently have a database of CCTV cameras it owns or co-owns. However consideration is being made to collect more details on Police CCTV cameras nationally and making this information publicly available.

As this information does not exist or cannot be found, this request is refused under s18(e) of the OIA.

For completeness Police operates approximately 44 red-light cameras across Tāmaki Makaurau, two in Canterbury District and one in Wellington. Additionally, there are a number of CCTV cameras operating in a security capacity on Police property but there is no central register of these cameras.

2. *How many CCTV/IP cameras do NZ Police have access to from third party providers?*

Police does not have a list of the number of accessible CCTV cameras owned by third parties. The numbers of cameras purchased and deployed by third parties is determined by their own requirements. Police does not maintain its own record, nor does it have access to the records of all third parties. This request is refused under s18(e) of the OIA as this information does not exist or cannot be found.

3. *How many license plate cameras (ANPR) do Police own?*

Police owns ten fixed ANPR enabled cameras, and eighteen mobile cameras which are affixed to police vehicles.

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4. *How many license plate cameras (ANPR) do police co-own?*

Police does not have a list of ANPR cameras it co-owns. Recently Northland Police have been working in partnership with local authorities to upgrade some of the outdated existing camera systems. To date four cameras have been introduced in Kamo and Hikurangi respectively. Whangarei requires further infrastructure upgrades with cameras being introduced over the next several years.

5. *How many license plate cameras (ANPR) do Police have access to from third party ANPR providers?*

Police does not hold this information. The number of cameras connected to third party ANPR providers is determined by the needs of the businesses and organisations that own the cameras. This request is refused under s18(e) of the OIA as this information does not exist or cannot be found.

6. *Locations of cameras owned or partly owned by NZ Police?*

Police own three ANPR cameras in Northland Police District, six in Bay of Plenty Police District, and one in Central Police District. Disclosure of the exact location of these cameras is likely to reduce the detection of offences and is withheld under s6(c) as disclosure is likely to prejudice maintenance of the law.

Currently fifteen ANPR mobile cameras on police vehicles are distributed nationally in police districts. The table shows the number and location of Police owned ANPR cameras:

Table: Number of Police ANPR cameras by Police District

District	Mobile/Vehicle Mounted	Fixed
Northland	2	3
Waitemata	4	0
Auckland	1	0
Counties	1	0
Bay of Plenty	2	6
Waikato	1	0
Eastern	1	0
Central	0	1
Wellington	1	0
Tasman	2	0
Canterbury	0	0
Southern	0	0

7. *How many vehicle ANPR cameras do NZ Police have?*

a. *What systems are used and brands of camera equipment*

Police own 18 ANPR enabled vehicles. The vehicle mounted ANPR cameras use an automated license plate recognition (ALPR) Graphical Interface System (marketed as PAGIS), from PIPS Technology. The system that provides information to the vehicle

mounted ANPR camera is also from PIPS and is an installation of their Back Office Software System. The model of ANPR camera which is mounted on our Police vehicles is a PIPS P634 from Neology.

Although it has not been possible to provide every element of the information requested, we trust that you find this response helpful. If you are not satisfied with this response, however, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review Police's handling of your request. Information about how to do so is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CG' with a stylized flourish.

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