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Dear Thomas Holmes

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 29 April 2020 for information relating to New Zealand Police's policies.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in response time. The response to COVID-19 has had a severe impact on our ability to respond to requests under the Official Information Act 1982 in a timely fashion. We appreciate this is frustrating and thank you for your patience.

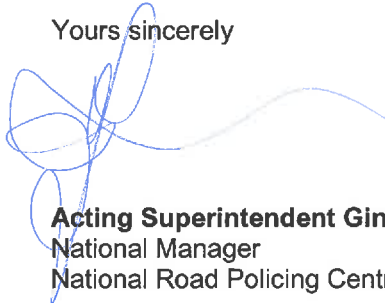
You requested:

- 1. I have been informed that the Fleeing Driver Policy has recently changed and pursuits are now only commenced if another offence has been committed. In light of this, I am requesting the Fleeing Driver Policy (latest version as of 29 April 2020); and*
- 2. Urgent Duty Driving Policy (latest version as of 29 April 2020); and*
- 3. Any internal emails, documents, meeting minutes, etc. related to the changes in the fleeing driver policy.*

New Zealand Police's policy on the commencement of the pursuit of a fleeing driver has not recently been changed or updated. If a driver fails to stop when signalled to do so by Police, there is no requirement for an additional offence to have been committed for Police to initiate a pursuit. As such, your request has been refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 in that the document/s alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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



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