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Kia ora Phillip

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 4 December 2021 where you requested the following information from Minister Poto Williams:

*With reference to the COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment Act (No 2) 2021, please provide complete details of the formal process for consideration of the class or persons enabled to assist Police with the management of Orders that provide for restricted movements by stopping vehicles and people at roadblocks and checkpoints.*

*Please detail the nomination, assessment and training processes and timeframes.*

Your request was transferred to Police for response on 6 December 2021.

Under any setting of the Protection Framework or any Public Health Order in place at the time, any checkpoints, either as short-term controlled checkpoints or random checkpoints remain solely managed and operated by police officers.

Where Police determines a need to authorise suitably qualified and trained persons to carry out any functions or powers of an enforcement officer under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 (COVID-19 Act), the following six-stage process is undertaken:

1. Nomination – whereby organisations, including Iwi and community agencies, nominate individuals to be considered by Police.
2. Application – nominated individuals complete an application form that requires information around their ability to undertake the duties required (e.g. any health vulnerabilities for the individual or their household).
3. Police vetting – applicants undertake a standard Police vetting. More information on this process is available online here: <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/businesses-and-organisations/vetting>
4. Assessment – each applicant is assessed on a case by case basis as Police do for all vetting requests. Police will consider all information and make a determination on the person's suitability to undertake the role of an enforcement officer.
5. Training requirements completed – all suitable persons must complete the training requirements. Training includes:

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- a) Health and safety – including ensuring familiarity with the risk management plans and controls for specific checkpoint sites
  - b) The safe and effective use of PPE
  - c) Tactical communication to support safe and constructive conversations at the roadside
  - d) Traffic management
  - e) Police's Our Values and Our Business
6. A recommendation for appointment as an enforcement officer under the COVID-19 Act will be made to the Commissioner of Police.

It is estimated that this process will take up to 1-2 weeks.

I trust this information will be of use to you.

Ngā mihi,



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