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Dear Mason

Request for Information

Thank you for your request dated 23 September 2022 requesting information on Police's retention of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) and my responses are set out below.

- *Please provide all documentation related to future plans and/or current trials of alternative (a) storage methods, (b) uses, or (c) databasing, of ANPR units, I refer to those which currently store that data on the BOSS system for 48 hours before deleting automatically.*

There are no documents that contain future plans to increase the retention period of ANPR information collected by cameras mounted on Police vehicles beyond 48 hours. The Police Manual on ANPR (Appendix A – Future State) references a challenge that has been identified with Police's existing ANPR capability and proposes that a suitable solution be found, but this has not been developed further. Consequently, there are no documents related to current trials of any storage methods, uses, or 'databasing'. As these documents do not exist, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA.

- *In relation to the [new] 12-month acceptable ANPR data retention period, up from the previous 2-day period:*
 - *Please provide all discussions, reports, assessments, or other material related to the increase.*


There is no new retention period for ANPR information collected by cameras mounted on Police vehicles. The retention period is 48 hours, in accordance with the ANPR chapter of the Police Manual available here:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/automatic-number-plate-recognition-210922.pdf>

As there has been no increase, there are no discussions, reports, assessments, or other material to provide. This part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA.

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You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely



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