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Dear Connor

Information Request

I refer to your previous Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 20 January 2023 in which you requested the following information:

- 1. All Vehicles used and the quantity in the Palmerston North police station*
- 2. I would like it to be broken down by department, e.g Highway, PST, AOS etc. The Vehicle used and the quantity of them.*
- 3. I would like every single car and its brand and model and its police department.*

On 19 January 2023 you contacted Ministerial Services advising that you did not agree with the response you received, as you have in the past received the exact number of vehicles located at the Palmerston North Police Station.

Police vehicles are allocated to a district and not individual Police stations. Once the vehicle is allocated to one of the 13 districts, it is deployed to meet the demands of its assigned district. Due to the fluidity of district demand, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of vehicle deployments to a town, city, or station level with any degree of accuracy. Likewise for this reason the Fleet Service Group (PNHQ national fleet office) does not monitor the vehicle fleet down to a town, city, or station level.

I acknowledge that previously Police provided you with figures for the number of Police vehicles located at the Palmerston North Police Station. However, that figure was misleading as it only provided the number of vehicles present at a specific point in time and did not represent the vehicles available for deployment in the area serviced by that Station.

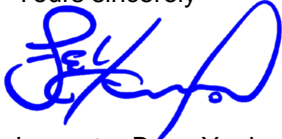
The request as it relates specifically to Palmerston North Police Station is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held, and I refer you to my response of 18 January 2023 for a breakdown of vehicles in Central District.

Your OIA request was also reviewed by the protective security group who have assessed the risk and advised the information given should not include vehicles at individual Police stations. Giving exact number of vehicles at a single Police station has the potential to leave our staff vulnerable, particularly for smaller regional stations.

While Police will continue to disclose information relating the number of vehicles in each district and its fleet as a whole, it cannot and will not disclose information to such a granular level as individual stations/towns/cities.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Yanko', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Inspector Brian Yanko
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