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Dear Mason

Request for Information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, dated 23 March 2023, in which you requested:

- Any contract with Auror (or its previous names) prior to that dated August 2018 publicly released.
- Material provided by Auror in its initial proposal to the Police to provide an ANPR surveillance platform. If this material is tainted with commercial sensitivity, please redact the necessary portions but provide the documents.
- Any material or documentation that was given to Auror prior to August 2018 that may have been used to develop their ANPR database and active detection capability portal.
- Any communication between Auror in the exchange of that material.

The formal arrangement with Auror prior to 2018 is set out in a Letter of Agreement with Auror Limited dated 3 November 2015. This document is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA, as to make the information available would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

We have not located any information relating to the initial proposal for Auror to develop ANPR functionality, therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You further requested:

[A]II documentation related to the Police issuing app development ideas to Auror. For instance, did Auror first launch the platform without retrospective search function and only implemented additional functions after the Police's requested them?

To support innovation and improve our policing services, Police staff are invited to propose new ideas which are then considered in discussions with Auror and contribute to ongoing developments Auror makes to its Retail Crime Intelligence Platform. Enhancements are discussed in collaboration with Auror staff during meetings and workshops. Auror determines whether any changes are to be made to its platform. As Police does not hold any documentation relating to such enhancements, and your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA.

Police National Headquarters



You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision-making on your request. Information about how to do so is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Sincerely

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