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Dear Martin

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 12 December 2014 for information about speed detection equipment used by New Zealand Police.

You specifically requested:

information relating to the manufacturers stated accuracy of all models of speed detection equipment utilised in New Zealand, including both fixed, handheld and vehicle mounted "radar" and "laser" type equipment.

In addition...information which relates to the calibration process, the frequency of calibration, and the testing organisations statement relating to the accuracy following calibration.

Information relating to the manufacturers stated accuracy of all models of speed detection equipment utilised in New Zealand, including both fixed, handheld and vehicle mounted "radar" and "laser" type equipment is not held by New Zealand Police, it is held by the manufacturer of each specific piece of equipment. This part of your request is declined pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested is not held by New Zealand Police.

You may wish to request this information from the manufacturers of each specific piece of equipment.

All New Zealand Police speed detection equipment is calibrated to the highest international standard. The New Zealand Police calibration laboratory and the processes it uses, were first accredited to ISO (International Standards Organisation) 17025 standard in 1999. It is audited annually by IANZ (International Accreditation New Zealand) and has retained its accreditation status every year.

Please refer to the IANZ website (www.ianz.govt.nz) for information relating to accuracy standards for accredited organisations.

All speed detection equipment is calibrated annually in accordance with the requirements of the Land Transport Act 1998. A copy of the calibration process can be provided if you specify the type of device you are interested in.
"The statement relating to accuracy following calibration" is contained on the specific Certificate of Accuracy for each piece of equipment of which thousands of certificates are produced each year. Again, Police are able to provide copies of the certificates for whichever devices you specify.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsmen and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

Inspector Peter McKennie
Acting National Manager: Road Policing