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Dear Geoff

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 2 November 2024 to the Ministry of Transport requesting information about New Zealand driver licence number PZ109108. Your following request was transferred to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) on 4 November 2024 and has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I have received a "Notice of hearing in respect of infringement offence" in the name of "PAIHIA TAXIS & TOURS LIMITED." The notice of hearing shows a driver licence number PZ109108 in the name of "PAIHIA TAXIS & TOURS LIMITED."

I am a director and shareholder of PAIHIA TAXIS & TOURS LIMITED and am, therefore, entitled to request and receive the documents requested.

I require you to provide the following:-

- 1) A copy of the licence, front and back*
- 2) A copy of all the application documentation that was submitted in support of the original application*
- 3) Copies of any and all other documentation, digital and/or hard copy, from the original date of application up to and including the current date, 2/11/2024*
- 4) Is it not true that only an individual can obtain/be provided with a driver licence as the application requires a signature, and a photograph of the licence holder is also required?*

I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

To provide context, a company cannot be issued with a New Zealand Driver Licence. A New Zealand licence number has eight characters, beginning with two letters of the alphabet and six numbers (eg; AB123456). The licence number is issued when a person completes their first application and remains the same throughout the lifetime of the licence.

However, any licence number beginning with a 'P' is known as a pseudo licence number. These numbers are a 'record only number' created by police when an operator or company do not have a driver licence record within the Driver Licence Register. In order to assign an infringement against the person or entity, a pseudo licence record is created. The NZ police system uses the pseudo licence

number as the case tracking number. The pseudo record is not a New Zealand driver licence held by Paihia Taxis & Tours Limited.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZTA, please contact Ministerial Services by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MB', is written over two horizontal lines.

Melissa Burns

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