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Dear John

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received 4 June 2025 in which you requested information about breath tests in Hamilton. I have answered each part of your request below.

- 1. Can I have information about the number of breath testing checkpoints (traffic stops) that Police operated in Hamilton City for each of the months of June 2024, July 2024, and August 2024?*
- 2. Can I have information about the locations and times-of-day for each of the breath testing checkpoints (traffic stops) that Police operated in Hamilton City for each of the months of June 2024, July 2024, and August 2024?*
- 3. Can I have information about the checkpoint totals for number of drivers tested and number of positive breath tests for each of the breath testing checkpoints (traffic stops) that Police operated in Hamilton City for each of the months of June 2024, July 2024, and August 2024?*
- 4. Can I have information about the daily totals for the number of drivers tested and the number of positive breath tests for each day that Police operated a breath testing checkpoint (traffic stops) in Hamilton City for each of the months of June 2024, July 2024, and August 2024?*
- 5. Can I have information about the monthly totals for the number of drivers tested and the number of positive breath tests for breath testing checkpoint (traffic stops) in Hamilton City for each of the months of June 2024, July 2024, and August 2024?*

The types of checks undertaken in a checkpoint are not recorded and not all checkpoints will be for the purpose of breath testing. We cannot determine how an original offence was detected and whether this was at a breath testing checkpoint.

In addition, New Zealand Police does not record the number of checkpoints/operations that occur. This is because checkpoints can range from a single officer conducting a suburban checkpoint, through to a large multi-team operation and is unable to be distinguished.

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As such, these parts of your request have been refused under section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as the information requested is not held by Police and I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by any other agency subject to the OIA.

However, you may be interested to know that Police regularly publishes information of high public interest on our website. This includes the number of passive and screening breath tests recorded on Police breath alcohol test devices. Evidential test numbers are not included. This also includes all offences relating to driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. The information is updated quarterly, with the latest available data found here:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/road-policing-driver-offence-data-january-2009-december-2024>

If you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request, you have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to ask the Ombudsman to review my decisions. Information on how to do this is available online at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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