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Dear Mr Jordan

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 11 May 2017, for information on Police Highway Patrol vehicles.

You requested:

1. *Please disclose the process used to determine that rather than white traffic patrol cars being more visible to see vs the newer orange and burgundy type paint.*

Patrol vehicles are assets leased by Police, who have a range of criteria to determine vehicle deployability (e.g. colour).

Police began to replace white Highway Patrol vehicles with coloured vehicles, which help Police meet its strategic objectives of reducing death and serious injury on our roads under the Safer Journeys and Prevention strategies.

Coloured vehicles do this by:

- i. increasing the visibility of the patrol vehicle, thereby increasing public trust and confidence that Police is taking active steps to reduce death and serious injury on the road;
- ii. increasing the positive effect that Police has on driving behaviour by providing a visible deterrent to poor decision making; and
- iii. increasing public road safety awareness by acting as a talking point for media campaigns and on social networks.

I also note that the Police car livery remains the same and is designed to be highly visible.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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