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Dear Mr Hanna

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 12 February 2018 for information on recent statistics and policy relating to fleeing drivers.

You requested:

1. *The current New Zealand Police pursuit policy.*
  - 1a. *All past iterations of the New Zealand Police pursuit policy that were in use from 1 January 2012, and the dates on which they were introduced.*

Please find attached the current Police Fleeing Driver Policy, dated 12 October 2017. All versions dating from January 2012 are also attached. That date that each came into effect is detailed in the file name and footers of each respective file.

Police's Fleeing Driver Policy is based on the premise that drivers who fail to stop for Police and who flee to avoid apprehension pose risks to the public, police employees and themselves. In deciding whether or not to pursue a fleeing driver, Police must balance their responsibility to protect lives with their duty to enforce the law. If the decision is made to pursue, Police must prioritise safety by driving with a high standard of care and professionalism and in a manner appropriate to the situation.


2. *The number of police pursuits.*
3. *The number of police pursuits that were abandoned.*
4. *The number of police pursuits that resulted in at least one injury.*
  - 4a. *The number of injuries that were the result of a police pursuit, broken down by offender and police officer.*
5. *The number of police pursuits that resulted in at least one death.*
  - 5a. *The number of deaths that were the result of a police pursuit, broken down by offender and police officer.*

As per your request, the information you require is in spreadsheet format and is attached. Each column is numbered as it relates to the questions above.

The data provided contains provisional data which is drawn from a dynamic operational database. This is subject to change as new information is recorded or recoded.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



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National Manager Road Policing