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Stuart MacDonald
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Dear Mr MacDonald

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 27 August 2018 for information relating to driver offence data relating to distraction and mobile phone use.

You requested:

1. *The number of drivers fined/prosecuted for use of a mobile phone: 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date.*

New Zealand Police publishes driver offence data online at <http://www.police.govt.nz>. Mobile phone offence data can be found under 'Publications', 'Road policing driver offence data'. This data includes both the number of offences and the nominal fee value of the infringements. Therefore your this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982, in that the information requested is, or will soon be publicly available.

2. *The number of drivers reported (but not fined/prosecuted) for use of a mobile phone: 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date.*
3. *The number of drivers reported for use of a distracting device: 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date (including but not limited to, books, newspapers, laptops, tablet devices.)*

While New Zealand Police maintains records of traffic complaints, it is not organised by the type of complaint made with the level of specificity requested. Police record approximately 180,000 traffic related complaints per year, to identify those involving the use of a distracting device Police would have to review all events. Therefore this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982, in that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Question four and five of your request have been transferred to another agency. They will contact you directly in due course.

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

Superintendent Steve Grealley
National Manager Road Policing