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Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

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Mr Hugh Davenport

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Dear Mr Davenport

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 18 February 2019 for information relating to Police policy on traffic stops.

You requested:

- 1. Policies on whether traffic stops are to be carried out on double yellow lines, or directed to a safer area.*
- 2. If Police policy is to not perform traffic stops on double yellow lines, what repercussions for the Police involved were.*

New Zealand Police does not provide staff with specific guidance on whether traffic stops are to be carried out on double yellow lines. However, the traffic patrol techniques chapter of the Police instruction does provide staff with guidance on the risks associated with traffic stops. Please find this attached.

You have the right, under section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review 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

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