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Dear Jos

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received 12 July 2026, in which you asked for information relating to infringement notices issued by Police. I have answered each part of your request below:

Under the OIA 1982 I request, for each calendar year 2021-2025:

1. *Total infringement notices issued by Police (officer-issued and Police camera separately if held that way), by offence category if recorded.*

I refer you to the attached spreadsheet included with my response, which provides a breakdown of infringement notices issued by Police between 2021 and 2025. The data includes both officer-issued infringements and traffic safety camera infringements.

Please note that the responsibility for the operation of traffic safety cameras, including mobile speed cameras, transferred from Police to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) from 1 July 2025. As a result, Police can provide information relating to traffic safety camera infringements only up to 30 June 2025. Information for the remainder of the requested period will be provided by NZTA directly, and you can expect to hear from them in due course.

Your request sought the total number of infringement notices issued by Police. Accordingly, the data provided includes all infringement notices, including alcohol-related infringements that are not associated with driving offences. These offences can be identified in the spreadsheet by their "W" series offence codes.

2. *The number of written representations / requests for waiver or cancellation of infringement notices received by the Infringement Bureau.*
3. *Of those, how many resulted in (a) waiver, (b) withdrawal or cancellation, (c) declined - by district if recorded.*

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4. *The grounds categories on which successful representations were decided, in whatever categorisation Police use.*

I also refer you to the attached spreadsheet, which provides a breakdown of the requested information by district, as recorded by Police. I have also provided the infringement notice code categories and definitions used by Police.

For context, an infringement notice is issued for a minor traffic offence (infringement). Each infringement has a specified set fee. The data provided includes all recorded infringements regardless of the outcome, such as fee paid, waived or referred to the Ministry of Justice for an unpaid fee.

Please note Police can only report the number of infringements that have been granted compliance and cannot report the number offered compliance at the roadside by officers.

Please also note that Police does not record the number of complaints or disputes for infringement notices. This aspect of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held.

5. *Median and average processing time for written representations.*

Police does not track median or average processing times for written representations. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held.

6. *Any current internal policy/SOP used to assess written representations, if not already published.*

I refer you to the Police website which provides information relating to the disputes process. You can find more information here: <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/infringement-services/dispute>

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

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.

Yours sincerely



Superintendent Steve Greally

Director: Road Policing
New Zealand Police

Code	Officer issued	Camera
Cancelled	Notice cancelled – Usually only done when officer requests cancellation or in the case of False Information to remove the demerit points – not normally replaced by this office but may be replaced by officer requesting cancellation.	Notice cancelled – usually done on day of initial entry when error made in data entry, almost always replaced by another notice with corrected details.
Denial Not guilty	Defended hearing requested by notice recipient	Defended hearing requested by notice recipient
Explanation Rejected	Explanation has been received in relation to the notice however that explanation has been rejected	Explanation has been received in relation to the notice however that explanation has been rejected
Fee Paid	The notice has been paid	The notice has been paid
Issued	Notice is live and has not reached a disposition	Notice is live and has not reached a disposition
Prosecuted – Refer to NIA	Not applicable	Speed camera notice where the speed exceeds the infringement levels eg in excess of 50 km/h
Refer to court Unpaid	Matter sent to fines enforcement after the final due date has expired ⁶	Matter sent to fines enforcement after the final due date has expired
Submission	Referred to court with submissions from the notice recipient that they want the court to consider (usually mitigating circumstances)	Referred to court with submissions from the notice recipient that they want the court to consider (usually mitigating circumstances)
Waived compliance	Notice waived after proof of having met the compliance requirements has been met	Currently not applicable (speed/ red light) offences are not part of the compliance schedule
Waived explanation accepted	Explanation has been received and the notice has been consequently waived	Explanation has been received and the notice has been consequently waived Note that a notice is issued with the offer of compliance. If the compliance criteria is met then the notice is waived and this is recorded. If the criteria is not met then no record is retained with regard to compliance, it just becomes a normal notice to be paid, Waived – original speed camera notice returned GNA only applicable for low speeds and where further enquiries do not reveal a new address.
Waived Gone No address	Not applicable	

***Waived no explanation
received***

Significant issue where we detect the problem – eg 2
notices issued for same incident, false information etc

Deployment error by the camera operator or data entry
error where a batch of photos should not have been
entered