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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

I refer to your email dated 26 May 2022, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Last year, I made a request seeing if parking penalty levels were due to be increased as they have not increased in over 20 years and the deterrent has been mostly removed. Apparently, it is part of a program still being actively progressed by MOT. What is the update on the progress of this program?”.

Thank you for getting in touch again regarding plans to review parking penalty levels. Since our last update in September 2021, a regulatory stewardship review of parking offences and their associated penalty levels has been underway.

The purpose of the review is to ensure parking offences are comprehensive and clear to interpret, and penalty levels provide effective deterrence and are proportionate to the impacts of corresponding parking offences.

In May, the Minister of Transport agreed to progress to the next stage of policy development. This later stage of policy development involves further engagement with key stakeholders and other government departments and is focused on gathering further evidence to support final draft proposals.

The next key milestone is Ministerial and Cabinet approval to consult on a package of proposed changes. Depending on Ministerial decisions on final draft proposals, we anticipate undertaking public consultation on proposed changes in late 2022. As mentioned in our previous response to you, any approved proposals will then be made available for public consultation on the Te Manatū Waka website before any legislative changes are made.

This parking offences and penalties review is part of an ongoing regulatory stewardship function and involves application of Te Manatū Waka’s Effective Transport Financial Penalties Framework (the Framework). A key principle of the Framework when assessing penalty levels is to ensure they respond to the offence’s severity (in terms of impacts). We are therefore interested to understand any impacts you might have experienced (safety, or otherwise) as a consequence of illegal parking practices. If you would like to provide us with

any information about this, please email: info@transport.govt.nz and mention the parking offences and penalties review.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you may be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Thank you again for getting in touch and for your interest in ensuring New Zealand's transport regulatory system is performing effectively.

Nāku noa, nā



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