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Dear Andrew

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 18 November 2012 to NZ Police requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

1. Can you say how many accidents occurred in New Zealand as a result of the changes to the give way rule. These include all accidents police are aware of, irrespective of how minor they are.
2. How many accidents were considered serious?
3. How many people were injured/and or killed in these crashes?
4. Where exactly did the accidents happen and when?
5. Did police have any expectations/estimates of the accidents that would happen after the give way law change?
6. Can you provide copies any reports, documents, memoranda, correspondence, legal advice or emails, both internal and external and feedback regarding the give way rule change.

NZ Police have passed this request on to the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) as we hold the crash record system. We received your request on 21 November 2012.

The NZTA has no documents relating to the above request as we have not yet analysed the result of changes to the give way rules on crashes. For such changes to the system a significant period of twelve months or more is needed for any analysis to be meaningful. It also takes three to six months until most crashes have been added to the reporting system.

With regard to question 5, NZ Police have advised us that they did not have any expectations as to how the law change would affect the number of crashes. The Ministry of Transport completed this analysis and their expectations are detailed in the Regulatory Impact Statement available on their website: [www.transport.govt.nz/about/functions/Documents/Completing-Safer-Journeys-first-actions-RIS.pdf](http://www.transport.govt.nz/about/functions/Documents/Completing-Safer-Journeys-first-actions-RIS.pdf)

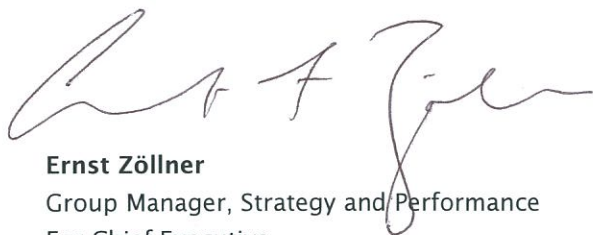
You may also be interested in viewing the following web links:

[www.nzta.govt.nz/consultation/road-user-amendment-2011/index.html](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/consultation/road-user-amendment-2011/index.html)

[www.transport.govt.nz/legislation/regulations/LandTransport\(RoadUser\)AmendmentRule2011/](http://www.transport.govt.nz/legislation/regulations/LandTransport(RoadUser)AmendmentRule2011/)

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZTA, please contact Andy Knackstedt, Andy Knackstedt, by email to [andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernst Zöllner', written in a cursive style.

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