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Dear Tom

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 7 September 2016 to Andy Knackstedt, National Media Manager, requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982. You requested figures for people who crashed when sitting their Class 1 restricted or full licence tests for the past two financial years.

The NZ Transport Agency does not report on every crash during a practical test, unless a serious crash has occurred, as this is handled by the testing provider themselves. This means that information about all crashes occurring during licence tests is only available on request from the testing provider directly. As the Transport Agency changed its testing provider on 1 May 2015 from NZ Driver Licensing (1999) Limited (NZDL) to Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ), there is limited detailed information available from NZDL on crashes during a practical test for the 2014–2015 financial year. The only information available during this period is that there were four crashes involving testing officers. Therefore, any further information relating to your questions during the 2014–2015 financial year is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist.

I have numbered your specific questions in relation to the 2015–2016 financial year and the Transport Agency's responses below.

- 1. 'The number of crashes nationwide drivers had while sitting their restricted test.'**
- 2. 'The number of crashes nationwide drivers had while sitting their full test.'**

For the 2015–2016 financial year there were six crashes recorded by VTNZ during a practical test. The data on crashes is not recorded by test type (restricted or full), as a result we are not able to provide this information broken down by test type.

- 3. 'A regional breakdown of which region these crashes occurred.'**

Please see the table below for a regional breakdown of the six crashes.

Region	Number of crashes
Auckland	2
Waikato	1
Canterbury	2
Southern	1

4. 'How many of the crashes resulted in injury to the testing officer? And how many of these injuries were bad enough to require time off work?'

From the total of six crashes, five testing officers received minor injuries. Two of these five testing officers required medical attention and time off work.

5. 'Can I also get details of the ten worst injuries?'

Please see the table below for a description of the injuries received during the six crashes.

Type of injury	Number of affected testing officers
Whiplash	2
Stitches to head	1
Shoulder injury	1
Back injury	1

6. 'Were any of the accidents fatal? If so, how many?'

None of these six crashes were fatal.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1992, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to refuse your request for full details on crashes for the 2014–2015 financial year. More information can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-a-complaint.

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

Yours sincerely



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