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Dear Caley

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

Thank you for your email of 25 November 2016 to the NZ Police requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) relating to car crashes involving foreign drivers. As advised, this request was partially transferred to the NZ Transport Agency on 30 November 2016. The Transport Agency is responding to the following parts of your original request:

- *'Statistics on how many car crashes involved foreign drivers vs New Zealand drivers over the last 2 years and where?*
- *Statistics on how many car crashes are caused by foreign drivers vs New Zealand drivers over the past 2 years and where?*
- *Number of car crash foreign fatalities in New Zealand from the past 2 years?*
- *Number of car crash New Zealander fatalities from the past 2 years involving foreign drivers?*
- *Car crash hotspots throughout the country?'*

Please note that, pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act, the information requested is publicly available and can be found in the following documents:

- [www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/grouped-crash-sites/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/grouped-crash-sites/) contains information on locations with four or more crashes.
- [www.transport.govt.nz/research/crashfacts/overseasdriversincrashes/](http://www.transport.govt.nz/research/crashfacts/overseasdriversincrashes/) includes analysis on crashes involving overseas drivers. The fatality statistics do not specify the nationality of the deceased, only that an overseas driver was involved.

In the above documents when referring to 'at fault', we identify that a driver's action has contributed to the crash occurring. This is determined by the crash factors as coded and recorded in the Transport Agency's Crash Analysis System (CAS). If in a single vehicle crash the driver contributed to the crash happening then they are deemed to be at fault. In a multiple vehicle crash, one or more drivers may be deemed to have contributed to the crash happening and therefore each may be classified as at fault. The 'at fault' status in CAS reflects the driver's actions in the crash and is independent of legal liability or court conviction.

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

Yours sincerely



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