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Ref: OIA-3484

Dear Jacques

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

Thank you for your email of 16 January 2018 following up your request of 21 June 2017 under the Official Information Act 1982. You requested the following information:

- 1. Figures on the number of overseas converted driver licences issued for the longest period possible? (I only asked for 3 years before but can we widen that to say since the start of 2000 or even further back if possible).*
- 2. Figures on the number of people holding a converted driver's licence and being involved in an accident, fatal or otherwise, for the same period as above, if possible?*
- 3. Suspended or revoked licences for the same subject and period?*

Please accept my sincere apologies for the long delay in responding to your request, which has accidentally been mislaid.

The information you have requested is attached as Attachment 1. However, it is important to note the following limitations with the data provided.

- Information from the Driver Licence Register (DLR) is only available from 2003 onwards.
- Due to the way in which the data is recorded on the DLR, the NZ Transport Agency is unable to determine all classes and/or stages granted following an overseas conversion. For example, individuals who converted an overseas licence to a New Zealand restricted car licence, but then obtained their full licence through the Graduated Driver Licensing System (GDLS) will be included in the data provided.

A table containing the counts of the total number of drivers involved in crashes over the same time period has been included to give context to the figures provided in response to question three.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact me 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Knackstedt', written in a cursive style.

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