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Dear Debrin

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to the NZ Transport Agency dated 30 April 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Act 1982 (the Act):

*"The annual accident rate on SH16 for the last decade (10 years).
I am interested in comparing the number of accidents under the 100km speed limit versus the current 80km speed rate."*

The data you requested has been provided to you in the attached spreadsheet. This data includes the number of police-reported crashes that occurred on State Highway 16 (SH16) for speed limit zones 80 km/hr and 100 km/hr by crash severity and year.

It is important to note that the 80km/h zone only makes up approximately 23% of the total length of SH16, compared to approximately 66% for the 100km/h zone. This should be considered when comparing statistics in each speed limit zone.

Please also note:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS)
- Data is for all police reported crashes for the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2017 and is current as of 07/05/2018
- Data is limited to crashes that occurred on SH 16 by crash severity and year for speed limit zones: 80km/hr and 100km/hr
- Traffic crash data covers all NZ roadways or places where the public have legal access with a motor vehicle
- Due to the police reporting time frame and subsequent data processing there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS, therefore 2017 crash data is provisional
- Not all crashes are reported to the NZ Police and the level of reporting increases with the severity of the crash

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Darryl Walker, Media Manager, by email to darryl.walker@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (09) 969 9824.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Aki'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'H' being particularly large and stylized.

Helen Aki

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