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Reporter, The Star
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REF: OIA-4937

Dear Shawn,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to the NZ Police, part of which was transferred to the NZ Transport Agency on 1 April 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Act 1982 (the Act):

I would also like to know the number of serious and fatal motor vehicle accidents, where alcohol was a factor in the crash, in Dunedin and New Zealand in the past 10 years (2009-2018).

The data you requested has been provided to you in the attached spreadsheet:

- OIA-4937.pdf

It is important to note (provided to you in the attached spreadsheet for your convenience):

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS)
- Data is limited to fatal and serious injury crashes reported by the Police to the NZ Transport Agency for the years 2009 to 2018 as recorded in CAS as at - 20/02/2019
- Data is limited to crashes where the alcohol test was above the limit or where the test refused
- 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
- Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes it is believed that these are under-reported, with the level of under-reporting decreasing with the severity of the crash
- The cause of a crash cannot be attributed to any one factor (eg fatigue) as a crash may have multiple factors

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Galina Mitchelhill
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