

10 September 2019

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REF: OIA-5581

Dear Phil,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your emails of 08 & 13 August 2019 requesting information about High Productivity Motor Vehicles (HPMV) under the Official Act 1982 (the Act).

With regard to the first part of your request below;

Pls release to RNZ any research or analysis or review or similar of accidents or crashes involving HPMVs in NZ, done by or for NZTA or which NZTA is aware of or has accessed, since 2014;

The first research etc (as above) that was done into this after the 2010 change to allow HPMVs on the road (i.e. so maybe the first research report was in 2011 – we would like to get that).

Several documents within the scope of your request are publicly available and listed in Appendix 1. The below two documents within the scope of your request, are not publicly available and are enclosed.

1. Age of trucks involved in fatal and serious injury crashes - C160405A Trucks @fS crashes template Data – Excel file
2. Trucks by factor codes, vehicle age and RUC distance purchased – Excel file

Regarding the second part of your request for;

A list of any survey of or information gathered from transport industry players of whatever type including truck operators, truck drivers, TSL holders etc that NZTA generated, received or has referred to or used in any way, about HPMV safety and/or crashes/accidents in NZ, since HPMVs were introduced.

As the Transport Agency has not undertaken specific surveys of industry stakeholders since the introduction of HPMVs as you describe, I am refusing this section under 18(e) of the Act as the information you have requested does not exist.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse this part of your request. You can find the contact details for the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andrew 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

Senior Manager, Research & Analytics

Appendix 1 - OIA-5581 document schedule

Please note:

- The document date refers to the date a document was created or made publicly available, which is not necessarily the date the Transport Agency was aware of, or accessed, the document for the purposes of HPMV research, analysis, review or similar.

Ref.	Document name	Source	Document date	Link
1.	Review of the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions & Mass 2002	Ministry of Transport	June 2016	https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Land/Documents/b48484434c/RIS-for-Review-Of-The-Land-Transport-Rule-Vehicle-Dimension-And-Mass.pdf
2.	The Operating Rating System (ORS) [Currently under review]	NZTA		https://www.nzta.govt.nz/commercial-driving/operator-rating-system-ors/
3.	Curve speed management	NZTA/University of Waikato and TERNZ Ltd	July 2007	https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/research/reports/323/docs/323.pdf
4.	Ongoing domestic freight volume information study	NZTA/Richard Paling Consulting	March 2014	https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/research/reports/542/docs/542.pdf
5.	Annual weigh-in-motion (WiM) report 2014	NZTA	October 2015	https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/weigh-in-motion/
6.	National Freight Demands Study	NZTA/Richard Paling Consulting	September 2008	https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Import/Documents/b088aa537d/FreightStudyComplete.pdf
7.	Heavy vehicle stability versus crash rates	TERNZ Ltd	July 1999	http://www.ternz.co.nz/Publications/Heavy%20Vehicle%20Stability%20Versus%20Crash%20Rates.pdf
8.	Annual fleet statistics	Ministry of Transport	August 2014	https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Research/Documents/fb35fb3469/New-Zealand-Vehicle-fleet-stats-final-2013.pdf
9.	Review of the Vehicle Dimensions & Mass (VDAM) Rule Discussion Document	Ministry of Transport	December 2015	https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Land/Documents/801bc3051d/VDAM-Discussion-Documents-2015.pdf
10.	Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Review: Framework for Options Assessment & Draft Rule Change Cost Benefit Analysis	Castalia Limited	November 2015	https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Land/Documents/790dce85bf/VDAM-Review-CBA-Castalia.pdf
11.	Moving Freight with better trucks	OECD	2011	https://www.itf-oecd.org/sites/default/files/docs/freightbettertrucksfullreport.pdf

12.	Monitoring, evaluation and review of the Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Rule May 2010 - April 2011	Stimpson & Co	September 2011	https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Commercial-Driving/docs/Monitoring-evaluation-and-review-of-the-Vehicle-Dimensions-and-Mass-Rule-Part-A.pdf
13.	Monitoring, Evaluation and Review of the Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Rule implementation May 2011 to April 2013	Stimpson & Co	May 2014	https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Commercial-Driving/docs/Monitoring-evaluation-and-review-of-the-Vehicle-Dimensions-and-Mass-Rule-30-April-2013.pdf
14.	Q&As for Land Transport Rule Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Amendment 2010 (VDM Rule Amendment) Implementation	NZTA	September 2011	https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Vehicles/docs/Land-Transport-Rule-Vehicle-Dimensions-and-Mass-Amendment-QAs.pdf