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REF: OIA-6105

Dear Phil,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to the NZ Transport Agency on 15 November 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Act 1982 (the Act):

- *the Police Traffic Crash Reports, as held by the NZTA, for the section of State Highway 45 in Taranaki between Road Positions (RP) 45/15/0.000 to 45/15/10.000 since the beginning of 2015.*

Pls provide all info in fully searchable form

Pls provide all attachments or appendices that relate to the above.

Your request for Police Traffic Crash Reports is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act.

Such reports are publicly available through a separate specific information access provision. Section 211 of the Land Transport Act 1998, detailing how a person may obtain a copy of such reports, specifies that you must apply to the Police Commissioner.

Traffic Crash Reports are held by New Zealand Police. Provision of the reports is subject to any applicable withholding grounds under the Official Information Act 1982 or the Privacy Act 1993; you will be informed if any information is deleted or omitted from the copy of any report supplied

However, in order to provide some assistance from the information that the Transport Agency holds, please find the attached spreadsheet OIA-6105.xlsx,

The attachment contains crash data for the section of State Highway 45 in Taranaki between Road Positions (RP) 45/15/0.000 to 45/15/10.000 since the beginning of 2015, by injury type, crash factors, the number of vehicles involved and a map of the stretches of road where the crashes occurred.

It is important to note the following in relation to the data provided. This information is also provided to you in the attached spreadsheet:

- NZTA maintains the Crash Analysis System (CAS) which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 1.3.3 and is current from CAS as at 21 November 2019.
- 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
- A crash, to be recorded in CAS has to have occurred on a road. The CAS definition of a road is any street, motorway or beach or a place to which the public have access with a motor vehicle, whether as of right or not (eg a public car park).
- Crashes may involve more than one vehicle.
- Not all crashes are reported to the NZ Police and the level of reporting increases with the severity of the crash. Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes it is believed that these are under-reported.

- Data is limited to crashes occurring between Road Position 045-0015/0.000 and 045-0015/10.000 on State Highway 45.
- Data is limited to crashes that have occurred from 1 January 2015 to 21 November 2019.
- Data for 2019 is not yet complete due to the police reporting time frame to NZTA and subsequent data processing.
- The cause of a crash cannot necessarily be attributed to any one factor (eg fatigue) as a crash may have multiple factors.
- In the "Crash vehicles" sheet, "Other" vehicles are referring to miscellaneous vehicle types, such as tractors, mobile cranes, front-end loaders.
- A crash may have multiple contributing factors, leading to more factors than crashes.

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.

Yours sincerely,



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