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REF: OIA-6431

Dear Cherie,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your request to NZ Police on 19 February 2020 which was transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on 20 February 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to request the following:

- 1. Details of vehicle crash fatalities on State Highway 1 between Warkworth and Whāngārei in the 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 calendar years.*
- 2. This information should be broken down by date of crash and include the following: The name/s of those killed in each crash (and their ages and where they're from, if available) The location of each crash (as all will be SH1 please provide the closest cross roads to each crash). I think this request will relate to two districts - Northland and Waitematā.*

I will answer your request in turn below.

Details of vehicle crash fatalities on State Highway 1 between Warkworth and Whāngārei in the 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 calendar years.

Table one in the attached spreadsheet (OIA-6431.xlsx) shows fatal crashes and deaths on State Highway 1 between Warkworth and Whangārei by year. Table two shows factors contributing to those crashes.

This information should be broken down by date of crash and include the following: The name/s of those killed in each crash (and their ages and where they're from, if available)

I am withholding the information requested in part two under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

The location of each crash (as all will be SH1 please provide the closest cross roads to each crash).

I think this request will relate to two districts - Northland and Waitematā.

In response to part 3 of your request, Table 3 in the attached spreadsheet lists the road and side road of the fatal crashes. The crash locations are also shown in the map on the same sheet.

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

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 1.3.4.
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency maintains the Crash Analysis System which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- Data is limited to fatal crashes for the years 2016 to 2019 as recorded in CAS to date - 20/02/2020.
- 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.
- 2019 data is incomplete.
- Data is limited to crashes on SH 1N between Warkworth and Whangārei.
- 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 e.g. a public car park.
- As a crash can have multiple factors contributing to it, there are more factors than crashes.
- The cause of a crash cannot necessarily be attributed to any one factor (eg fatigue) as a crash may have multiple factors.

Certain information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

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



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