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Dear Matt,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to NZ Police which has been partially transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on 5 August 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

6. *In how many Christchurch road deaths in the last three years was alcohol found to be a factor?*
7. *In how many Christchurch crashes was alcohol a factor over this time period?*

The data within scope of your request is presented in the table below:

Deaths from road crashes in Christchurch where 'Alcohol test above limit' or 'test refused' was a factor contributing to the crash:

Year	Deaths
2017	2
2018	5
2019*	2
Total	9

Crashes in Christchurch where 'Alcohol test above limit' or 'test refused' was a factor contributing to the crash

Year	fatal crashes	serious crashes	minor crashes	non-injury crashes	Total crashes
2017	2	14	56	150	222
2018	4	16	63	177	260
2019*	1	12	86	214	313
Total	7	42	205	541	795

* 2019 data is incomplete and is current from CAS as at 6/08/2020

It is important to note the following in relation to the information provided:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 2.0.0
- 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 for all crashes in Christchurch Region for the years 2017 to 2019 as recorded in CAS to date - 6/08/2020.
- Data is limited to crashes where factor 103 Alcohol test above limit or test refused contributed to the crash.
- 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.
- 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 necessarily be attributed to any one factor (eg alcohol) as a crash may have multiple factors.
- 2019 data is incomplete.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi 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,



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