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Dear Jonathan,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to NZ Police part of which was transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on 23 September 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

figures on how many hit-and-run incidents there have been so far this year for Canterbury and nationally? How does this compare to last year?

Please find the data you have requested in the table below

Table 1: 2019-2020 Crashes where 'hit and run' is part of the crash description

	Canterbury	Rest of NZ	Total crashes
2019*	1	42	43
2020*	0	5	5
Total	1	47	48

* 2019 and 2020 data is incomplete but is current from CAS as at 24/09/2020

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 for the years 2019 to 2020 as recorded in CAS to date - 24/09/2020.
- Data is limited to crashes where the crash description mentions 'hit and run', 'hit & run', or 'hit&run'. As this is a free text field, crashes may be missed if using other terminology to describe a hit and run.
- 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.
- 2019 and 2020 data is incomplete.

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