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Dear Kim

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to NZ Police requesting information about the total number of crashes on Russley Road, in Christchurch, since 2010 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your request was transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on 4 January 2021. You have requested the following:

[...] the total number of serious and fatal crashes on Russley Rd, Russley, Christchurch since 2010, and broken down into month and time period (ie. morning, noon, night-time).

Could you also provide the number of serious and fatal injuries from the total crashes (obviously one crash could have three people in the car etc).

Also! How many of these crashes involve cyclists and pedestrians?

The requested information has been provided in the attached spreadsheet (OIA-7657.xlsx). Please note that the information should be read in conjunction with the caveats noted on the first tab of the spreadsheet.

In 2018, Waka Kotahi upgraded State Highway 1 Russley Road as part of the Christchurch Western Corridor project. As part of the upgrade, the following improvements were put in place for cyclists and pedestrians:

- a 2.5m wide shoulder was created on each side of the highway to accommodate cyclists (before this shoulder was only 1.5m)
- cycle lanes and pedestrian crossings provided on Memorial Avenue at the signalised intersection under the new Memorial Ave Overbridge
- a pedestrian and cycle subway were built under the Harewood Roundabout. The subway provides safe access across Russley Road (SH1) and access to both the airport precinct and the McLean's Island recreational area
- the existing cycle and pedestrian crossing are maintained at the Sawyers Arms Road roundabout. (Wairakei Road is being closed to all cross traffic including cyclists and pedestrians)
- vehicle access from Avonhead Road was closed but cycle access from the city side to the southbound shoulder is provided
- the off-road pathway between Harewood Road and McLeans Island was retained.

More information about SH1 Russley Road project can be found here:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/christchurch-motorways/christchurch-western-corridor/sh1-russley-road>.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Frances Adank, Media Manager, by email at frances.adank@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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