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Dear Michael

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 May 2021 to the NZ Police requesting information relating to vehicle crashes under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). On 25 May 2021, your request was transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for response. I understand that you have requested the following information under the Act:

- 1) *The number of crashes Police have attended where the driver or passengers weren't wearing a seatbelt? Please include yearly figures since 2010.*
- 2) *Please include a district-by-district breakdown for Question One.*

The information you have requested has been provided in the attached spreadsheet (OIA-8183.xlsx).

This information should be considered in conjunction with the caveats established on the first tab of the spreadsheet.

There have been increases in the number of people reported not to be wearing seatbelts since 2019. This is due to changes in the reporting system used by Waka Kotahi. The new Crash Analysis System (CAS) started on 20 February 2019. This system now captures restraint data for all vehicle occupants, including passengers, while the old system captured information on drivers only.

In accordance with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will shortly be published on our external website.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager, Media, by e-mail to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz.

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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