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REF: OIA-12774

Dear ██████████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 25 May 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I'd like to obtain some data on Springfield road, St Albans, Christchurch

- 1. accidents or near miss data collected in the past 5 years*
- 2. Any data/results of traffic measurement or traffic reviews undertaken*
- 3. Speed limit Changes to this road Over the past 5 years*

Parts 2 and 3 of your request were transferred to Christchurch City Council on 31 May 2023 as the information requested more closely relates to their functions.

As near misses are not crashes, they are not recorded in the Crash Analysis System (CAS). I am therefore refusing your request for data on near misses under section 18(g) of the Act, as this information is not held by Waka Kotahi, and there are no grounds for believing this information is held by another department.

The other data you requested in question 1 is as follows:

Crashes on Springfield Road, St Albans, Christchurch					
Year	Fatal crashes	Serious crashes	Minor crashes	Non-injury crashes	Total crashes
2018			1	2	3
2019			1		1
2020		1	1	4	6
2021			2	1	3
2022*			1	1	2
2023*					0
Total	0	1	6	8	15

* 2022 and 2023 data is not yet complete in CAS but this is current from CAS as at 31/05/2023

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 2.4.0
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency maintains CAS which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- Data is limited to all the crashes on Springfield Road, St Albans, Christchurch for the years 2018 to 2023 as recorded in CAS to date - 31/05/2023.
- A crash, to be recorded in CAS must 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 increasing severity of the crash.
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, NZ had a 4-level Alert system in place from 21 March 2020 until this changed to a Traffic Light system from 3 December 2021 to 12 September 2022. The amount of traffic on the roads during level 4 lockdowns was greatly reduced, which consequently reduced the number of road crashes. Road movements under the Orange and Red levels of the Traffic Light system would also be reduced due to the restrictions in place, so data from these periods will not align with previous trends.
- 2022 and 2023 data is incomplete in CAS, but this is current as at 31/05/2023.

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

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Kerry Greig, Manager, Data Services, by email to kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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