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Dear ██████████

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 14 April 2023 to NZ Police requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Does NZ Police have stats on crashes on the Crown Range Road between Queenstown and Wānaka?  
I'd be keen for data for any time range - whatever is available - but ideally the last ten years. Also, I'm keen to know numbers for crashes with minor, serious, and fatal injuries, if that's also already broken down too.*

On 17 April 2023, your request was transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency as the information requested is more closely connected to our functions.

The data you requested is as follows:

2013-2023 crashes on the Crown Range Road					
Year	Fatal crashes	Serious injury crashes	Minor injury crashes	Non-injury crashes	Total crashes
2013	1		6	12	19
2014	1		4	14	19
2015		1	4	16	21
2016		2	10	23	35
2017	1	1	3	31	36
2018			12	34	46
2019	1	1	15	33	50
2020		1	11	22	34
2021		3	6	21	30
2022*	1		10	10	21
2023*		1	2		3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>314</b>

\* 2022 and 2023 data is incomplete and is current from CAS as at 20/04/2023

<b>Injuries from crashes on the Crown Range Road 2013-2023</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Serious injuries</b>	<b>Minor injuries</b>	<b>Total injuries</b>
2013	1		10	<b>11</b>
2014	2		5	<b>7</b>
2015		1	4	<b>5</b>
2016		5	12	<b>17</b>
2017	1	1	3	<b>5</b>
2018			12	<b>12</b>
2019	1	1	23	<b>25</b>
2020		1	14	<b>15</b>
2021		3	9	<b>12</b>
2022*	1		15	<b>16</b>
2023*		1	4	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>130</b>

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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 2.3.0
- 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 2013 to 2023 as recorded in CAS to date - 20/04/2023.
- Data is limited to crashes on the Crown Range Road (Cardrona to Arrowtown Junction).
- 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.
- Fatal, Serious Injury and Minor injury crash report data is usually recorded in the Crash Analysis System (CAS) within one working day of Waka Kotahi receiving it from NZ Police. Data relating to non-injury crashes may take up to 7 months before it appears in 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.
- Crash severity is the severity of the worst injury in the crash. There may be more than one injury in a crash, so the crash and injury tables may have different numbers.
- 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 in December 2021. 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 20/04/2023.

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 Frances Adank, Media Manager, Southern, by email to [frances.adank@nzta.govt.nz](mailto: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.

**Galina Mitchelhill**

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