

29 August 2023

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REF: OIA-13149

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for your email of 20 July 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Is it possible to get a bit more information about where and what the 15 SPAD's ARE, instead of what they are not?*

*i.e. freight train in Auckland network or passenger train in Wellington network.*

The following document falls within the scope of your request and is enclosed:

- Attachment for OIA-13149

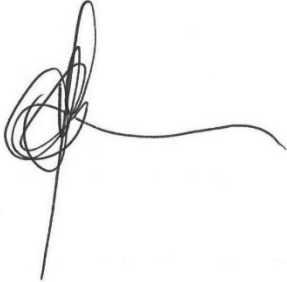
A SPAD A event is defined as an incident when the train driver has failed to obey a red signal and has entered a section of track where there is the potential for conflict with another rail service. You will see that the attachment details 27 Signal Passed at Danger (SPAD) events, and we apologise for previously specifying that there had been 15 SPAD events in New Zealand during 2023. This discrepancy is due to a lag in reporting of the events from KiwiRail.

Please note that as this information is provided to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency by KiwiRail and the gaps in location information in the attachment are there because we were not provided that information for those instances.

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 the Ministerial Services team, by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Gini Welch**  
National Manager Rail Safety Regulation