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Senior Reporter
Wairarapa Times-Age
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REF: OIA-15005

Dear ██████████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 19 March 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I'm doing a story about an accident black spot in Martinborough at the intersection between Kitchener and Princess Streets.

Could you let me know how many crashes have been reported at that intersection in the past three years, and also [separately] the last ten years if you have that number. Could you divide up the stats between crashes and serious crashes [if you have that] please?

The data you requested is outlined in the table below:

2014-2024 crashes at the intersection between Kitchener and Princess Streets, Martinborough					
Year	Fatal crashes	Serious injury crashes	Minor injury crashes	Non-injury crashes	Total crashes
2014					0
2015			1	1	2
2016					0
2017					0
2018					0
2019				1	1
2020			1	1	2
2021				1	1
2022			2	1	3
2023*		1			1
2024*					0
Total	0	1	4	5	10

* 2023 and 2024 data is not yet complete in CAS, but these are the current figures from CAS as at 3 April 2024.

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 2.8.0.
- NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) maintains the CAS which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- Due to New Zealand Police's reporting timeframe and subsequent data processing, there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS.
- 2023 and 2024 data is not yet complete in CAS, but these are the current figures from CAS as at 3 April 2024.
- Data is for all crashes for the years 2014 to 2024 as recorded in CAS to date as at 3 April 2024.
- Data is limited to crashes at the intersection between Kitchener and Princess Streets, Martinborough.
- Fatal crash report data is usually recorded in CAS within one working day of NZTA receiving it from New Zealand Police. Serious Injury and Minor injury crash report data is usually recorded in CAS within 4 weeks. 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.
- 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.

Regarding the Kitchener Street and Princess Street intersection crash data:

- Only one serious crash has occurred for the 10-year period from 2014 to 2024 at this intersection.
- The single serious crash that occurred in September 2023 involved a vehicle that failed to stop at the Princess Street intersection and collided with another vehicle at Kitchener Street.
- Only 4 minor crashes were recorded at this intersection during the same 10-year period in April 2015, January 2020, April 2022 and December 2022.
- The data shows there have been no fatal or any multiple serious crashes at this intersection. As such, it is not accurate to describe it as a "black spot" intersection.

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

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZTA, please contact Felix Marwick, Lower North Island Media Manager, by email to felix.marwick@znta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', written in a cursive style.

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