

30 November 2022

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REF: OIA-11483

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 16 November 2022 requesting information about fatalities and serious injuries near schools and marae under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). I will respond to each of your request in turn as follows:

1. In each of the last five years how many fatalities and how many serious injury motor vehicle accidents, have taken place outside schools and marae?

I have enclosed the data on fatalities and serious injuries around schools in the attached spreadsheet:

- OIA-11483 Schools.xlsx

With regard to your request for fatalities and serious injuries around marae, Waka Kotahi does not hold this information. To obtain the requested data, Waka Kotahi requires a list of all marae addresses and the geographical location of the front gate. As we are unable to find an official list, we cannot provide the requested information regarding crashes outside of maraes. As such, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act that the information is not held and I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by other organisations or agencies.

2. Was this information provided in the Cabinet paper recommending a reduction in the speed limit

We have reached out to Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport to respond to this question, as it is responsible for papers taken to Cabinet by the Minister of Transport.

The information regarding the number of deaths and serious injuries that took place outside of schools and marae have not been directly provided to Cabinet. However, the relevant papers considered by Cabinet have now been made public by the Ministry and you may find the discussion in the Road Safety Strategy: Seeking Agreement to Public Consultation (paragraph 18) and Tackling Unsafe Speeds Programme: Final Policy Decisions (paragraphs 60, 108, 115, and 119) of interest. In addition, the Tackling Unsafe Speeds Programme Cabinet paper discusses speed limits outside schools at paragraphs 56-80. These papers are available at:

- https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Cabinet/CAB-paper_Proactive-release-Road-Safety-Strategy.pdf

- <https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/OC210903-Cabinet-paper-Tackling-Unsafe-Speeds-programme-final-policy-decisions-Final-7.pdf>
- https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Cabinet/Cabinet-paper-Tackling-Unsafe-Speeds-programme_Redacted.pdf

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to partially refuse 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 at kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Galina Mitchelhill

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