

31 January 2023

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REF: OIA-11645

Dear **Out of**  
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**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 5 December 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Under the Official Information Act I request the following information.*

- 1. The cause of death each year for the past 40 years on New Zealand roads*
- 2. The total numbers of deaths each year for the past 40 years on New Zealand roads*
- 3. The ethnic, age and gender breakdown of deaths on New Zealand roads by year*

On 13 December 2022, you revised part 1 of your request to be for “crash factors” instead of “cause of death”.

The attached document provides in the information in scope of your request. However, I am refusing part 3 of your request, for information regarding the ethnicity of people that have died on New Zealand roads, under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the organisation and I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department/organisation.

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](http://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 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, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Galina Mitchelhill**

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