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REF: OIA-12574

Dear ██████████

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

Thank you for your email of 1 May 2023 requesting information relating to the SH2 Waihi to Ōmokoroa project under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested the following:

*Could you tell me how many people were injured or died per the number of vehicles on the road at that time instead of the distance of the road compared to the national average.*

On 5 May 2023, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency sought clarification of your request from you, and on 6 May 2023 you replied to advise that you were seeking:

*...the number of people injured or died on the Waihi to Omokoroa road in relation to the vehicle count and distance in the last 5 yrs from 2022. And to compare this over all NZ for the same period, taking all road injuries or deaths into account.*

Therefore, we have interpreted your request as being for the number of people injured or died on the Waihi to Omokoroa road in relation to the traffic movements on that road, and the length of that road for the last 5 years from 2022. And to compare this with the total traffic movements in New Zealand for the total kilometres of road in New Zealand for each of the last five years.

Daily traffic counts for our traffic count sites are available on our Open Data portal the link to this is here: <https://opendata-nzta.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/NZTA::tms-daily-traffic-counts-api/about>

This information should be used in conjunction with the site locations that are located on the following web page: <https://maphub.nzta.govt.nz/public/?appid=31305d4c1c794c1188a87da0d3e85d04>.

This information may be of assistance to you in your analysis. Two locations may be of interest to you in working out the vehicle count for the section of SH2 between Waihi and Omokoroa. These are Telemetry Site 65 – West of Snodgrass (Annual average daily traffic: 20,846) and 40m South of Crean Road (Annual average daily traffic: 11,454).

Waka Kotahi does not hold traffic volume counts for all roads in NZ. Road traffic volume (vehicle count) data is collected by Waka Kotahi for some state highways at specific points in the road. Therefore, Waka Kotahi does not have continuous and absolute traffic volume counts for the full

length of each highway. City councils collect vehicle counts on urban roads; Waka Kotahi does not hold any traffic movement data for urban roads.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the department and I have no grounds for believing this information is held by another department.

The length of the road from Waihi to Ōmokoroa is 41.64 kilometres, and the total kilometres of all roads in NZ is detailed in the table below:

| Type          | Measure   | 2017/18      | 2018/19      | 2019/20      | 2020/21      | 2021/22      |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| State Highway | km        | 10992        | 11046        | 11053        | 11071        | 11201        |
| Local Roads   | km        | 84394        | 85636        | 85796        | 85892        | 86152        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>km</b> | <b>95386</b> | <b>96682</b> | <b>96848</b> | <b>96963</b> | <b>97353</b> |

The above table was sourced from data from the *Physical statistics – roads* spreadsheet on our data and tools page, which is available at: <https://nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/learning-and-resources/transport-data/data-and-tools/>.

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- OIA-12574 - [REDACTED]

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 Kerry Greig, Manager, Data Services, by email to [kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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