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REF: OIA-15832

Dear ██████████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 5 July 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Are we able to get statistics for pass rates for practical driver licensing tests for Taumarunui, Te Awamutu and Hamilton sites please. Can we also get any data analysis on failure reasons and any other information age/gender/ethnicity that is available related to those sitting thank you

We have interpreted your request for information on practical Driver Licence tests as Class 1 (Motor Cars and Light Motor Vehicles) Restricted and Full licence tests. The following document outlines the information for the sites requested and is enclosed:

- Attachment 1 – Class 1 (Motor Cars and Light Motor Vehicles) Restricted and Full licence tests (*spreadsheet*).

The data in this spreadsheet should be considered in conjunction with the caveats provided on the first tab of the spreadsheet.

With regard to other parts of your request, the Driver Licence Register (DLR) does not hold information on test applicants' ethnicity as this is not requested at the time of application. I am therefore required under the Act to refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act because the information requested does not exist.

Failure reasons are also not recorded in the DLR and are only held on individual test papers or tablet test results. Obtaining this information would involve retrieving and reviewing each test paper or tablet test result, which would require a large amount of time and staff resources to collate and determine whether they fall in the scope of your request. I am also refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

In refusing this part of your request, we have considered whether consulting with you, charging for the information, or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help as required by sections 18A and 18B of the Act. However, as your request is specific in nature, this would not assist us in providing a response to your request as the substantial manual search required to collate the information would not be reduced.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse parts of your request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

In line with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (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 us by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'H' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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