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REF: OIA-15603

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 11 June 2024 requesting a breakdown of crash statistics for each region in New Zealand under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *6 months of last year vs 6 months of this year*
- *A separate one for a break down of the roads within the region*

On 14 June 2024 you clarified the first part of your request as follows:

- *Data from 1st January 2024 – latest up to date for 2024*
- *Same time period for 2023*

The following document contains the information for the first part of your request and is enclosed:

- Attachment 1 – Crash volumes for 1 Jan-14 June in 2023 and 2024.

Regarding the second part of your request for a breakdown of roads, we do not currently have the functionality within the Crash Analysis System (CAS) to report crash volumes in bulk broken down by individual roads within each region. Providing this information would require each road to be manually mapped in CAS and, as there are thousands of roads in New Zealand, collating this information would take considerable time to manually map and generate. Intersections and highway at on- and offramps would also have to be manually mapped and adjusted which would also take substantial time.

I am therefore refusing the second part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act because 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.

We can, however, advise that CAS crash data is publicly available by visiting the Open Data portal, which is similar tool to the CAS tool that we use, and can be accessed at the following link:
https://opendata-nzta.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/8d684f1841fa4dbea6afaefc8a1ba0fc_0/explore

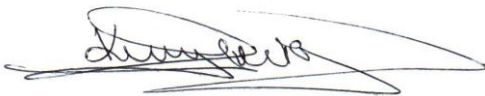
Instructions on using the Open Data portal are also available at the following link:
<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/wdD0YYkdOqysqaQm?ref=Link>

In line with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

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.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZTA, please contact Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager, Media, by email to andy.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerry Greig', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kerry Greig
Acting Senior Manager, Research and Analytics