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Tom Austen

Sent by email: [fyi-request-11784-dfc4a695@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-11784-dfc4a695@requests.fyi.org.nz)>

Dear Tom

**Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987**

**Visitor numbers - Kite Kite Falls track**

I refer to your email on 3 December 2019 in which you requested information on the number of visitors using the Kite Kite Falls track and usage since the track was reopened.

Monitoring occurs on Glen Esk Road immediately before the car parks and not on the track – it is assumed that the occupants of vehicles travelling past the counter are going to walk the Kite Kite track.

In November 2017 the location of the counter was changed to include those using the overflow carpark and more fully capture the number of vehicles accessing the area.

The numbers in 2017 and 2018 were not typical as the track was subject to a customary rāhui and temporary closures. Track upgrades were completed in late December 2018 and the increase in usage is reflected in the visitor numbers from January 2019.

This information should be treated as an indicator of usage rather than an absolute count.

The table below shows visitor numbers per month across the financial year (July-June) from the 2017-2018 year to present.

Months	Total visits 2017-2018	Total visits 2018-2019	Total visits 2019-2020
July	4110	3224	6959
August	2370	4868	10309
September	7691	9468	11809
October	4813	10420	14584
November	11374	3192	
December	14386	3897	
January	28308	25937	
February	4110	28021	
March	23536	17752	
April	9890	10362	
May	11984	19942	
June	5000	11928	

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If you have any further queries, please contact me on (09) 301 0101 quoting LGOIMA No. 8140006057

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Kearney', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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