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Dear Russell Baw

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 25 August 2020 for information relating to fleeing driver events.

You requested:

I am interested in the age of people being pursued by police and outcomes for them. I am aware that a lot of information is publicly available, but there are some gaps in the data that I am looking to fill. Can you please provide:

1. *The number of serious injuries and deaths (separately) for drivers, other vehicle occupants, police and third parties (e.g. pedestrians or other drivers not involved in the pursuit).*

Please find the total number of deaths and serious injuries recorded, broken down by fleeing vehicle occupants, New Zealand Police staff and other third parties in Table One. There have been no Police officer deaths from fleeing driver events for the period of 2010-2019.

Please note that data on whether the seriously injured person/s in any vehicle was a driver or a passenger is not held. This part of your request has been refused pursuant to section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 in that the information requested is not held by Police and Police has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

2. *The number and nature of charges following pursuits.*

Fleeing driver notifications do not capture information on any charges laid as a result of the fleeing driver event. In addition, information about charges filed does not capture whether the person charged was (prior to charging) a person who fled from Police.

As such, the data that you have requested is not held by Police and has therefore been refused pursuant to section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 in that the information requested is not held by Police and Police has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

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However, Police can provide the number of proceedings for failing to stop which can be found in Table Two.

- 3. The age of all occupants of vehicles involved in a pursuit (including the number where ages are unknown).*

Please note that data on the age of passengers involved in fleeing driver events is not held. This part of your request has been refused pursuant to section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 in that the information requested is not held by Police and Police has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

However, Police can provide the ages of identified fleeing drivers which can be found in Table Three. Please note that it is not always possible to identify the driver at the time of the event, or at all. The total number of events where a driver is unable to be identified has been provided in the 'unknown' column.

- 4. The number of pursuits abandoned broken down by the age of the driver (including the number where ages are unknown). Please provide all this data for the last ten years.*

Please find the information requested in Table Four. As per the response to question three, this will not equal the total number of fleeing drivers.

This reply contains provisional data which is drawn from a dynamic operational database. This is subject to change as new information is recorded or recoded.

You have the right, under section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



Acting Superintendent Gini Welch
National Manager
National Road Policing Centre

Table One: Fleeing driver events where injury and/or death occurred, 2010-2019

	Serious Injuries			Deaths		
	Offending Vehicle	Police	Third party	Offending Vehicle	Offending Vehicle Passengers	Third party
2010	45	2	1	7	7	2
2011	25	0	2	5	0	0
2012	28	1	4	2	2	0
2013	37	0	3	3	4	0
2014	25	0	9	1	1	0
2015	28	0	3	2	0	0
2016	47	1	9	2	3	0
2017	50	0	7	7	5	0
2018	35	1	3	6	5	1
2019	47	0	6	3	2	3

Table Two: Proceedings for failing to stop for Police, 2010-2019

Year	Proceedings
2010	1,984
2011	1,917
2012	1,820
2013	1,708
2014	1,773
2015	2,259
2016	2,625
2017	2,876
2018	3,106
2019	3,418

Table Three: Age of identified fleeing drivers, 2010-2019

Offender Age	All Fleeing Driver Events									
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
11	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
12	1	3	5	2	3	3	2	6	4	2
13	15	10	6	8	12	22	22	40	43	54
14	23	24	27	23	37	50	50	69	78	74
15	48	35	34	42	53	71	93	89	101	100
16	61	61	48	65	64	89	81	100	102	101
17	83	85	79	83	71	113	97	88	95	109
18	94	103	93	77	79	100	100	93	73	97
19	104	95	84	72	62	90	100	100	108	79
20	90	93	93	87	83	103	115	107	109	85
21	91	94	81	79	70	94	79	98	83	97

22	69	76	76	71	64	87	76	105	120	103
23	67	69	77	65	62	76	74	88	99	109
24	53	77	62	55	82	85	79	96	103	97
25	50	53	60	81	58	91	103	94	100	109
26	49	54	44	58	50	64	79	77	97	109
27	42	40	49	44	52	63	69	104	94	126
28	26	42	39	32	52	59	69	79	97	104
29	29	50	44	45	36	57	54	71	75	130
30	29	21	46	38	27	55	56	87	90	108
31	20	27	30	37	34	36	61	64	81	97
32	30	25	20	37	30	40	58	61	52	73
33	23	20	27	27	28	36	44	45	50	74
34	19	18	23	28	21	23	43	43	62	52
35	19	25	16	21	28	29	26	49	42	58
36	20	24	22	16	15	25	39	38	51	47
37	24	19	21	13	17	24	27	27	35	47
38	18	16	18	16	24	24	18	22	32	57
39	18	22	18	19	18	13	20	33	34	31
40	21	16	17	15	18	18	27	29	27	34
41	14	12	18	13	14	20	16	14	22	31
42	14	13	18	15	22	14	18	29	16	17
43	11	16	14	14	10	15	16	13	18	22
44	9	12	17	9	15	14	17	12	10	20
45	20	17	7	8	8	8	21	13	21	29
46	7	10	6	8	9	9	10	22	13	17
47	8	9	7	5	10	10	12	12	14	10
48	10	10	12	7	13	9	7	13	10	14
49	10	7	6	12	11	9	8	9	12	25
50	6	9	7	5	8	5	8	6	13	9
51	3	6	7	9	6	6	11	5	5	9
52	2	8	9	10	3	9	6	7	7	6
53	6	6	5	5	2	7	3	5	7	5
54	1	4	6	4	3	2	3	3	9	12
55	1	3	3	7	5	3	8	4	6	7
56	3	3	4	4	1	1	2	9	2	8
57	1	1	3	3	3	4	6	4	3	4
58	2	4	1	1	1	5	2	3	5	8
59	4	3	3	4	1	0	4	2	4	3
60	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	3
61	0	3	3	2	2	0	2	3	4	3
62	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	4
63	1	2	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	1
64	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0
65	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	2
66	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2

67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
68	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
69	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
70	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1
71	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1
72	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
73	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0
74	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
77	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
78	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
79	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
80	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
81	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
83	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
84	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
94	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	814	862	878	897	986	1,197	1,373	1,593	1,731	2,221

Table Four: Age of identified fleeing drivers where the event was abandoned, 2010-2019

Offender Age	Abandoned Fleeing Driver Events									
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	0
13	2	4	2	3	1	4	8	16	14	24
14	1	4	4	6	14	15	12	25	31	28
15	12	11	11	16	14	16	34	29	36	39
16	15	17	11	16	16	28	22	27	41	35

17	16	26	22	27	22	43	35	31	25	47
18	20	38	27	29	32	31	45	36	25	38
19	24	23	27	21	13	22	38	36	42	27
20	21	29	22	35	22	42	46	41	37	33
21	20	28	27	23	24	31	29	44	29	45
22	10	27	19	24	27	27	26	39	44	44
23	17	22	26	25	25	29	20	29	43	47
24	11	19	24	18	31	42	30	42	44	36
25	11	19	21	29	15	30	39	45	32	54
26	9	24	11	24	19	16	30	36	40	47
27	10	13	19	15	25	23	27	44	33	53
28	4	10	12	10	26	23	25	32	53	51
29	6	20	13	15	14	19	19	23	33	60
30	8	8	9	9	11	19	19	39	39	47
31	2	7	10	13	9	8	22	29	37	49
32	6	8	8	18	15	12	20	17	24	37
33	7	5	12	5	9	16	12	21	16	29
34	8	6	7	7	4	8	16	18	29	28
35	5	14	4	8	8	9	12	14	15	24
36	2	6	3	6	6	8	9	14	23	20
37	4	4	8	6	4	5	14	9	12	22
38	8	5	5	6	6	5	5	7	13	25
39	5	10	4	7	6	5	5	15	14	14
40	6	4	5	5	5	9	14	11	9	15
41	2	2	5	4	4	2	1	7	4	11
42	4	6	7	8	5	5	5	9	2	6
43	1	2	1	9	5	5	1	7	6	10
44	1	5	5	2	3	3	3	4	5	6
45	5	5	3	2	2	2	5	3	9	10
46	1	1	2	3	3	5	4	9	3	5
47	1	2	2	1	5	2	2	5	5	4
48	2	6	0	1	1	1	3	6	4	5
49	4	1	0	2	2	1	3	4	5	11
50	0	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	3	4
51	0	2	1	2	2	1	5	2	1	5
52	0	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	1	1
53	4	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
54	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	1
55	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	1
56	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	3
57	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	1	2	2
58	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
59	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	0
60	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
61	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0

62	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
63	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
69	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
71	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
72	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	528	665	705	754	847	997	1,142	1,262	1,527	1,956

