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Dear Thomas

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 12 May 2014 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

'A list of all the New Zealand road fatalities over the last five years. In this list I would like:

1. The type(s) of vehicles involved and the number of people killed.
2. The contributing factors to the crash.
3. Police reports.
4. Any recommendations made by any appropriate professionals to improve road safety in the area following the fatality.
5. The location of the crash.
6. The time of the crash.

I would also like the figure for the total revenue received by NZTA from learner, restricted and full driver licence tests for each year over the last five years.'

As we advised you on 14 May 2014, we transferred your question 3 to the New Zealand Police to respond to.

Information in response to your questions 1, 2, 5 and 6 is provided in the table below and in the attached three worksheets.

A total of 1,605 people were killed in crashes between 2009 and 2013 as shown in the table below.

	Crash year					Total
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Number of deaths	384	375	284	308	254	1605

The first worksheet lists the vehicle types involved in the crashes and the number and type of fatalities. This list only includes vehicles where the person travelling in the vehicle was killed. For example, three vehicles may have been involved in a single crash but there was a fatality in only one of those vehicles. Only that vehicle is listed in the worksheet.

You will note that some crashes are listed more than once in the first worksheet. This is because in some cases there was more than one vehicle involved, or the same vehicle was involved in the death of more than one type of fatality.

The second worksheet lists the crashes in which no drivers, passengers or cyclists were killed but another person(s) was killed. We refer to these other person(s) as 'vulnerable road users'. As the key shows, vulnerable road users are pedestrians, skateboarders, equestrians or wheeled pedestrians. None of these crashes, in which vulnerable road users were killed, are listed in the first worksheet.

The third worksheet lists the causes of each crash.

I am declining question 4 of your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation. While we collect crash data for all roads, we only hold reports on state highways. To answer your question we would need to collate and review more than 700 reports from our regional offices to identify which ones contain recommendations.

I am also declining your request for the revenue received from the different classes of driver licence tests under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist. When collecting revenue from driver licence tests we do not distinguish between the different classes of tests.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to decline part of your request. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10152
Wellington

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Gail Wilson, Senior Adviser, by email to gail.wilson@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 5400.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dave Brash', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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For Chief Executive