

20 May 2022

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Dear Oscar

### ***Request for information***

Thank you for your request dated 1 April 2022 requesting information on the Police vehicle that drove into a gravel pit in Transmission Gully. You requested:

*I request the following information in regards to the police car that drove off the road into the runaway on the Transmission Gully motorway, dated 31 March 2021.*

- 1. Full name and badge number of the police officer driving the vehicle.*
- 2. Total estimated cost due to the crash - include a breakdown of costs.*
- 3. Police incident form, investigation and any other internal documents relating to the crash.*
- 4. Whether the officer is receiving disciplinary misconduct and/or re-training, including any documentation related to either.*

*Reference article - <https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/news/national/transmission-gully-opens-to-traffic-after-the-road-was-first-proposed-100-years-ago/>*

Police refuses your request under the following grounds of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons
- Section 9(2)(g)(ii), maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.


An internal investigation is currently underway to assess the circumstances around the crash and what level of intervention is required. As this matter is still under review, Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information is not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information at this time.

However, to assist you we have requested comment from our Road Policing Team and can advise the following:

- In the Wellington District all crashes involving Police vehicles are reviewed by a Crash Committee made up of senior police officers.
- The review is to assess the circumstances around the crash and whether there is any culpability by the driver, and what level any intervention is required.

### **Information Request Team**

Central Region  
Telephone: 105. . [www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz)



If you have any questions, you may contact [IR.Central@Police.govt.nz](mailto:IR.Central@Police.govt.nz).

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request.

Yours sincerely

Information Request Team  
Central Region

# Request

**From:** [Oscar](#)  
**To:** [Ministerial Services](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Official Information request - Crash in Transmission Gully  
**Date:** Friday, 1 April 2022 12:47:03 am

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Yours faithfully,  
Oscar

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