

17 July 2015

Christopher Walls

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Dear Christopher

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982.

Thank you for your email of 16 June 2015 requesting information about traffic incidents and accidents involving diabetic drivers using Insulin in the last 5 years. Your request has been considered with regard to the Official Information Act 1982. I have listed your questions and my response below.

1. *The total number of traffic incidents/accidents that are known to your Agency and involved drivers suffering from Diabetes Mellitus and using insulin as part of their treatment*
2. *The Percentage of these incidents/accidents that involved drivers holding from Class Two to Class Five licences*
3. *The number of these incidents that involved serious injury (transported and admitted to hospital)*
4. *The number of these incidents that resulted in a road fatality*
5. *The number of times your medical assessor would review or be requested to review the safety to drive (fitness to hold a licence) of a person suffering from Diabetes Mellitus and using insulin as part of their treatment programme*
6. *The medical qualifications of your medical assessor.*

With respect to the information requested, your questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 cannot be answered as the NZ Transport Agency does not collate this specific type of data. Therefore, this part of your request has been refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act as the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either -

- (i) held by another department of Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by local authority;
or
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation of a local authority.

With regards to question 6, I understand that Tara Kiriona of the Customer Response Team contacted you via email on 22 June 2015 to clarify your request. You responded on 1 July 2015 clarifying that you wished to ascertain the qualifications of both the Medical Review Adviser and Chief Medical Adviser.

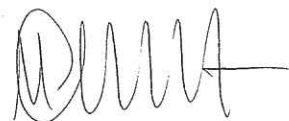
The NZ Transport Agency's Medical Review team is made up of 13 people, five of which are Medical Review Advisers. Within the team we have a Registered General Nurse who is also a Registered Psychiatric Nurse and has a Diploma in Nursing. It is not essential for Medical Review Advisors to have a medical qualification as we have two Doctors contracted as Chief Medical Advisers who make all the final medical decisions. Both Chief Medical Advisers are Fellows of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and have a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB). One of the Chief Medical Advisers also has a Diploma in Obstetrics.

If you wish to have this refusal reviewed or investigated, more information can be found on the Ombudsman's website at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-a-complaint.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Tara Kiriona, Customer Response Team, by email to info@nzta.govt.nz, phone on 0800 822 422 or mail to:

NZ Transport Agency
Private Bag 11777
Palmerston North 4442

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Charlton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michelle Charlton
Manager, Customer Information