

From: [Caleb Stone](#)
To: [Sam Newbold](#); [Rachel Wilcox](#); [Aaron Lefebre](#); [Simon Ross](#)
Subject: Re: OIA - Lewis T - Crash Analysis System (CAS) data integration
Date: Tuesday, 24 February 2026 11:35:47 am
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I'm happy with that.

Kerry G rang me yesterday to discuss it.

After talking to her, I looked back through my documentation. They had provided the possible variables and datasets to include. Which we could have pulled together into a proposed data collection for integration. However, it appears that, at the time, I was looking for reviews or confirmation from potential users before progressing. NZTA had the contact details for the potential users at MoT, etc., and I had suggested that we talk to them.

But, then, I think both agencies got distracted by higher priority work.

So, tbh, it was both agencies re-prioritising and not progressing the data collection.

Our current process is slightly different and wouldn't have likely resulted in the same pause.

I don't know if that information is material now. But I thought I would clear that up while it's top of mind.

Caleb

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Kia ora team

Attached is what NZTA came back with. Looks like they've come to the conclusion that the CAS data they have in mind was just the initial discussions we already advised the requestor about – so the comment looks to be resolved.

They've suggested replacing one of our paragraphs with what I've highlighted. Looks ok to me in that it is very clear it is over to NZTA to make the call in approaching us in getting CAS data into the IDI. Can you please let me know your thoughts?

Cheers,
Sam

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Thanks Caleb

Sam – happy for you to check this with NZTA before Simon is back tomorrow, if needed – I will flag it with him tomorrow morning, but he'll likely have a bit to catch up on so don't want to hold you up.

Also, feel free to add any further detail from Caleb's email if you think it'd help here.

Rachel

From: Sam Newbold <§ 9(2)(a)>
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To: Caleb Stone <§ 9(2)(a)>; Rachel Wilcox <§ 9(2)(a)>;
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Cheers Caleb

From: Caleb Stone <§ 9(2)(a)>
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Rachel is correct!

NZTA was receiving pressure from MoT and other analysts to get that data into the IDI. We met with them to understand the data a little more and work through Stats NZ's requirements, if we were to integrate it. From there, I need NZTA to provide information about the data. We met several times after that, but no progress was made.

We haven't prioritised it, as we haven't personally received any direct or qualified requests to integrate it yet, nor prioritised it strategically ourselves. NZTA obviously haven't prioritised it also, as they have plenty of other higher priority work and this data is EXTREMELY complex. So it will be quite constly to integrate.

Caleb

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Kia ora Sam,

Thanks for preparing this draft. I have made some (tracked) changes in it – appreciate the difficulty in balancing what is Stats' responsibility and what isn't.

I have added a paragraph that speaks to (generally) how we are reliant on other agencies to progress requests to add data to the IDI. **Out of scope** in this case I don't think we are expecting much movement at this stage - [@Caleb](#) correct me if I'm wrong here.

Others jump in if needed as well

Rachel

From: Sam Newbold <s 9(2)(a)>
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To: Caleb Stone <s 9(2)(a)>; Rachel Wilcox <s 9(2)(a)>; Aaron Lefebre <s 9(2)(a)>; Simon Ross <s 9(2)(a)>
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Here's the letter for your review.

[OIA1208 Response letter.docx](#)

Due next Thursday so would appreciate any comments by Tuesday please. I'll also run this past NZTA next week.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks,
Sam

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To: Sam Newbold <[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>; Rachel Wilcox <[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>; Aaron Lefebre <[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>; Simon Ross <[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>
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Ya'll got this!

Caleb

From: Sam Newbold <[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>
Sent: 30 January 2026 8:29 AM
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Thanks Rachael, agree that context you've provided will be important.

From: Rachel Wilcox <[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>
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To: Aaron Lefebre <[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>; Simon Ross <[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>; Sam Newbold <[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>; Caleb Stone <[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>
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Thanks Aaron – agree with you here.

I think most of the responses will be that the documents don't exist – however we should be careful to state/re-iterate that this is due to NZTA not prioritising the data being added to the IDI, rather than our decision (and it reflecting badly on us not having done the work, or not recording that we paused the work etc.

More broadly – I'm not sure if the requestor is looking for the data to be added to the IDI (and therefore trying to understand why it hasn't been progressed) or something else. If it's the former, we could encourage them to contact NZTA to recommend the data to be added. This is more in the 'trying to be helpful' side of the OIA but it depends what context they are coming from

Rachel

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I'm a bit confused with this one..

I've attached the email conversation from last year. Caleb provided the following:

At this point, it is almost solely because NZTA couldn't and haven't prioritised the effort required to progress the collection and integration. We have only received a direct request about the integration of this data by NZTA. Therefore, there isn't any reason why we would prioritise or chase it.

Given this, I suspect we don't have any of the documents or info the requestor is after. This wasn't slowed or stopped, it never started.

[@Caleb Stone](#) – keen for your thoughts.

Ngā mihi,

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Aaron Lefebre <s 9(2)(a)>
Cc: Caleb Stone <s 9(2)(a)>
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Adding Caleb Stone to this in case he has any input.

From: Sam Newbold <s 9(2)(a)>
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To: Rachel Wilcox <s 9(2)(a)>; Aaron Lefebre <s 9(2)(a)>
Cc: Simon Ross <s 9(2)(a)>
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We've received a follow up OIA request to the one you assisted me with last year. I've attached the previous response that was sent to the requestor.

Would you be best placed to advise whether the three documents the requestor refers to exist? I'm guessing the *Latest Data Quality Assessment* may exist, but the others may not? If they don't exist we'll need to provide context as to why not.

Response is due to the requestor on 26 Feb 2026, would appreciate advice by Thursday 5 Feb please.

Dear Statistics New Zealand,

Thank you for your response of 8 December 2025 <https://fyi.org.nz/request/32802-idi-crash-data#incoming-135819>.

As you stated that no single document sets out the "reasons" for the pause in work on the Crash Analysis System (CAS) data integration I am requesting the following:

The Latest Data Quality Assessment: The final version of any technical report, "Fit-for-Purpose" analysis, or Data Quality Assessment (DQA) produced by Stats NZ regarding the CAS dataset prior to the mid-2024 pause.

The Prioritisation Decision Paper: The specific internal briefing, memo, or ranking document provided to the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) in 2024 that identified the "competing priority work" and recommended the suspension of the CAS data integration workstream.

The Official Project Pause/Exit Note: The formal Project Closure Report, "Pause" memorandum, or the final Project Status Report (PSR) that officially recorded the decision to halt the integration

work in mid-2024.

I am requesting the latest existing versions of these specific artifacts to avoid the need for substantial collation. If these documents do not exist, please confirm if the project was initiated and paused without formal technical evaluation or project management documentation.

Yours faithfully,

Lewis T

Thanks,
Sam

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