

13 January 2020

Miraz Jordan



REF: OIA-6257

Dear Miraz

Thank you for your email of 3 January 2020 in which you requested the following information about State Highway 1 (SH1) between the intersection with Mill Road in Ōtaki and the intersection with Hokio Beach Road in Levin;

- How many vehicle crashes were there which closed or led to delays on SH1
- How many people died as a result of vehicle crashes?
- If the same information is available for calendar year 2018, then I would also like the same information for 2018 please

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

In the calendar year of 2019 there were 43 crashes reported to the Wellington Transport Operations Centre on SH1 between Mill Road and Hokio Beach Road. 4 incidents required the road to be closed and another 3 were recorded as causing delays. The remaining 36 were recorded as the road remained open with no delays.

As for the calendar year of 2018 for the same section of SH1 there were 64 crashes reported to the Wellington Transport Operations Centre. 12 incidents required the road to be closed and 2 were recorded as causing delays. The remaining 50 incidents were recorded as the road remained open with no delays.

In 2019 one person died as a result of one vehicle crash.

In 2018 four people died as a result of four vehicle crashes.

It is important to note the following in relation to the vehicle crash deaths information provided:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 1.3.4.
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency maintains the Crash Analysis System which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- Data is limited to fatal crashes for the years 2018 to 2019 as recorded in CAS to date - 7/01/2019.
- Data is limited to crashes between Mill Road, Otaki and Hokio Beach Road, Levin.
- A crash, to be recorded in CAS has to have occurred on a road. The CAS definition of a road is any street, motorway or beach, or a place to which the public have access with a motor vehicle, whether as of right or not e.g. a public car park.
- Due to the police reporting time frame and subsequent data processing there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS.
- 2019 data for the year to date is incomplete.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, please contact Kerry Greig, Manager, Data Services, by email to kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 5251.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', with a small dot below the signature.

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