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Dear Miraz

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your request was transferred from the Ministry of Transport to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on 12 January 2021. You have requested the following:

*Regarding the stretch of SH1 between the intersection with Mill Road in Ōtaki and the intersection with Hokio Beach Road in Levin, for the calendar year 2020, I would like to know:*

- a) How many vehicle accidents were there which closed or led to delays on SH1?*
- b) How many people died as a result of vehicle accidents?*

Further to the above, you requested additional information on 15 January 2021 as follows:

- [...] if you could provide information on*
- c. the total number of accidents and then*
- d. also delays, whether caused by crashes or other factors that would be very helpful.*

To provide context to your request, the Traffic Road Event Information System (TREIS) within Waka Kotahi is updated according to the situation of the incident at the time. For instance, the status of any one incident can be changed from *caution*, to *delays*, and then to *road closure*. These are known as situational changes.

I will respond to each of your questions in turn.

- a) How many vehicle accidents were there which closed or led to delays on SH1?*

In 2020, TREIS has a record of eight crashes on the stretch of State Highway 1, between the intersection of Mill Road in Ōtaki and the intersection of Hokio Beach Road in Levin, that led to the incident status being recorded as *caution*. These eight crashes were all subsequently updated to *delays*, and four of them were further updated to *road closure*.

- b) How many people died as a result of vehicle accidents*

In 2020, the Crash Analysis System (CAS) shows there have been no fatal crashes recorded on SH1, between the intersection of Mill Road in Ōtaki and the intersection of Hokio Beach Road in Levin.

Please note, Waka Kotahi manages the CAS; New Zealand's primary tool for capturing information on where, when and how road crashes occur. The system is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash. 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. Therefore, data for the 2020 year is not complete.

c) *the total number of accidents and then*

For crashes recorded in 2020, the CAS shows there were 4 serious, 8 minor, and 14 non-injury crashes that occurred on SH1, between the intersection of Mill Road in Ōtaki and the intersection of Hokio Beach Road in Levin.

d) *also delays, whether caused by crashes or other factors that would be very helpful*

Please refer to my response for question a) above. No further delays have been recorded in TREIS.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Kerry Greig, Manager Data Services, by email at [kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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