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Dear Brodie,

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

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*How many, if any, people have filed a statutory declaration for change of gender on their driver's licence in the past five years, broken down by year?*

We contacted you on 19 June 2019 to seek clarification of your request. We offered two options of how the information can be provided to you and your request was subsequently changed to:

*... could I please get both lots of data (so the data where the gender marker has been changed and the number of statutory declarations)?*

In accordance with option one of your refined request, the data you requested is detailed in Table 1 below:

Year	Total number of people who have changed gender type
2014	361
2015	398
2016	468
2017	491
2018	475
*2019	182

*Table 1. Total number of people who have changed gender type based on DLR*

\*2019 data is for the year to date 25 June 2019

The Transport Agency records changed of gender in the Driver Licence Register (DLR). The above data was obtained from the DLR and current as at 25 June 2019. We only count people with a current licence record when the gender was changed. There is a small number of people have had their gender changed more than once in the DLR, where the change occurred in the same year they have been counted only once. Where the change occurred in different years they have been counted once per year.

With regards to the data in Table 1, we are unable to identify the causes of a gender change in the DLR. The gender change could be as a result of a formal request to change gender supported by original evidence of identity, by statutory declarations, or due to an administrative error. Therefore, the

numbers provided are indicative of requests for gender change but are not the actual number of statutory requests received.

In accordance with option two of your refined request, Table 2 shows the number of Statutory Declarations received directly by the Transport Agency's Assessments team where the applicant has not been able to provide evidence of identity documents showing their gender preference. All Statutory Declaration's received result in a change of gender.

Year	Number of applications
2014	2
2015	7
2016	10
2017	13
2018	17
*2019	3

*Table 2 - Statutory Declarations received by Transport Agency's Assessments team*

\*2019 data is for the year to date 1 July 2019

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

Yours sincerely,



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