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Tēnā koe Mr T. Baker

### **Official Information Act 1982 request**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 18 July 2021 regarding deaths referred to the the Coroner. Specifically, you have requested the:

- 1. Number of deaths reported to National Initial Investigation Office by month since January 2016, broken down by age bracket (0-9, 10-19...80-89, 90+ etc).*
- 2. Number of deaths Coroner took jurisdiction for by month since January 2016, broken down by age bracket.*

In response to part one of your request, please refer to Table 1 enclosed. Table 1 provides the number of deaths reported to the National Initial Investigation Office (NIIO), by case type and first application filing date, between 1 January 2016 and 30 June 2021. Advice cases are those where the Coroner declines jurisdiction and a doctor certifies the death and Coronial cases are those where the Coroner accepts jurisdiction for death.

The Ministry is unable to provide a breakdown of advice cases reported to NIIO by age bracket as the case management system used by NIIO does not record this information. . Therefore, I am refusing this part your request as allowed by section 18(g)(i) of the OIA as there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation, or local authority.

In response to part two of your request, please refer to Table 2 enclosed. Table 2 provides the number of deaths reported to the Coroner where jurisdiction was accepted, by age group and first application filing date, between 1 January 2016 and 30 June 2021.

Please be advised that this information includes active cases which are provisional pending the coroner's final finding. This information is being released on behalf of the Chief Coroner.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Alison Horwood, Media Manager, Media and External Relations, by calling (04) 918 8836; or emailing [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz)

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by writing to PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143; calling 0800 802 602; or emailing [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

I trust that this information assists.

Nāku noa, nā



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Encl: Table 1: Number of deaths reported to the National Initial Investigation Office, by case type and first application filing date, between 01 January 2016 and 30 June 2021.  
Table 2: Number of deaths reported to the Coroner where jurisdiction was accepted, by age group and first application filing date, between 01 January 2016 and 30 June 2021.

**Table 1: Number of deaths reported to the National Initial Investigation Office, by case type and first application filing date, between 1 January 2016 and 30 June 2021**

First application filing date		Case type		Total Cases
Year	Month	Advice case	Coronial case	
2016	January	189	293	482
	February	139	272	411
	March	181	272	453
	April	168	263	431
	May	175	264	439
	June	193	280	473
	July	197	293	490
	August	223	308	531
	September	191	247	438
	October	175	282	457
	November	169	306	475
	December	174	284	458
2017	January	189	285	474
	February	138	276	414
	March	155	280	435
	April	163	284	447
	May	181	294	475
	June	158	288	446
	July	207	322	529
	August	204	349	553
	September	168	289	457
	October	170	303	473
	November	134	275	409
	December	158	310	468
2018	January	179	304	483
	February	108	265	373
	March	174	293	467
	April	166	271	437
	May	167	294	461
	June	170	307	477
	July	154	340	494
	August	192	279	471
	September	156	326	482
	October	146	326	472
	November	128	289	417
	December	158	290	448
2019	January	148	334	482
	February	121	262	383
	March	123	380	503
	April	136	321	457
	May	139	293	432
	June	144	359	503

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Year	Month	Advice case	Coronial case	
	July	178	318	496
	August	149	335	484
	September	164	293	457
	October	140	317	457
	November	133	291	424
	December	120	347	467
2020	January	130	317	447
	February	109	282	391
	March	106	296	402
	April	111	229	340
	May	147	281	428
	June	110	302	412
	July	134	310	444
	August	119	285	404
	September	122	282	404
	October	115	324	439
	November	109	277	386
	December	115	320	435
2021	January	123	293	416
	February	85	293	378
	March	121	316	437
	April	117	286	403
	May	114	331	445
	June	111	273	384

**Notes:**

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- Cases are included based on the first application filing date (this can differ from the date of death).
- Data includes both advice and coronial cases. Coronial cases are those where the Coroner accepts jurisdiction for death. Advice cases are those where the Coroner declines jurisdiction and a doctor certifies the death.
- This data includes active cases. Active cases are currently under investigation by the Coroner and are therefore provisional.
- This data includes closed cases. Closed cases have a cause of death that has been determined by the coroner, where a finding or certificate has been issued.

**Table 2: Number of deaths reported to the Coroner where jurisdiction was accepted, by age group and first application filing date, between 01 January 2016 and 30 June 2021**

First application filing date		Age Group																			Total Cases
Year	Month	<5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	Unknown	
2016	January	8	2	2	10	10	20	10	9	27	21	27	26	23	22	23	20	19	14	0	293
	February	7	2	3	11	17	6	8	9	22	23	25	31	24	22	24	18	10	10	0	272
	March	9	1	1	8	9	16	19	11	7	17	26	31	19	27	18	20	15	18	0	272
	April	6	2	1	7	7	14	12	10	10	21	17	22	31	29	27	16	10	21	0	263
	May	12	0	1	7	18	10	5	10	15	24	21	22	18	38	25	13	12	13	0	264
	June	11	1	1	9	11	13	9	8	20	32	27	30	25	25	20	11	9	17	1	280
	July	10	1	0	7	15	13	8	11	14	13	32	34	28	28	23	17	17	22	0	293
	August	10	2	2	9	17	20	12	17	14	23	20	23	26	35	25	12	19	21	1	308
	September	8	1	5	6	12	14	10	4	16	22	17	23	25	25	20	17	13	9	0	247
	October	4	1	0	9	17	12	9	8	18	16	27	35	27	31	17	15	20	15	1	282
	November	8	0	3	10	7	7	12	14	21	20	28	33	29	37	21	18	18	18	2	306
	December	14	2	8	10	9	13	12	7	19	21	21	25	26	35	17	11	14	19	1	284
2017	January	4	2	4	10	15	10	13	12	27	21	35	15	29	24	20	23	11	9	1	285
	February	9	2	1	7	12	10	9	13	10	19	31	27	36	23	20	20	14	13	0	276
	March	6	0	2	5	20	15	9	11	14	22	29	23	34	36	20	17	7	10	0	280
	April	6	0	2	7	11	22	9	14	18	18	33	36	26	26	18	17	10	11	0	284
	May	10	1	0	6	23	16	9	18	14	20	20	28	32	25	22	22	13	15	0	294
	June	6	2	2	15	16	12	16	8	10	19	30	19	31	27	26	23	15	11	0	288
	July	14	1	0	7	16	14	14	17	11	29	23	28	28	28	28	22	26	16	0	322
	August	16	0	4	17	19	13	10	13	13	30	30	31	20	32	29	25	23	24	0	349
	September	5	2	4	6	15	21	9	14	13	24	26	27	21	30	22	22	14	14	0	289
	October	9	1	3	7	12	13	11	5	15	28	20	26	44	31	21	29	13	14	1	303
	November	12	2	1	10	12	13	19	14	19	15	26	19	29	30	19	14	8	13	0	275
	December	8	2	1	10	19	23	18	23	11	19	20	26	28	39	29	13	14	7	0	310
2018	January	7	1	0	12	10	20	14	15	15	21	36	28	27	25	20	22	19	12	0	304
	February	6	0	3	10	16	15	14	8	16	22	21	19	25	28	18	22	11	11	0	265

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	March	7	2	2	10	12	13	10	12	19	17	34	27	26	26	26	18	23	9	0	293
	April	11	0	2	7	14	13	8	11	13	19	16	38	28	22	26	18	13	12	0	271
	May	9	0	2	6	8	13	17	11	14	21	24	29	36	27	33	18	15	11	0	294
	June	9	1	2	5	9	14	10	8	13	32	21	29	33	31	35	25	12	18	0	307
	July	8	2	5	15	17	11	14	11	9	25	12	38	36	41	31	28	19	17	1	340
	August	5	1	1	15	12	10	13	16	15	15	22	23	31	29	31	14	12	14	0	279
	September	9	0	2	11	17	19	19	8	12	15	31	37	28	34	36	19	11	18	0	326
	October	8	1	4	9	26	15	12	14	17	20	24	35	36	37	26	21	14	7	0	326
	November	8	1	3	11	19	12	14	12	20	19	24	32	22	28	23	13	13	15	0	289
	December	11	0	1	7	12	14	12	13	12	18	29	37	35	21	26	11	18	13	0	290
2019	January	8	1	5	11	18	24	19	8	16	22	29	35	35	26	20	23	16	18	0	334
	February	7	2	0	9	8	13	11	11	16	25	22	29	25	20	20	21	16	7	0	262
	March	13	0	6	14	16	19	12	18	21	25	29	35	39	41	29	36	13	14	0	380
	April	14	2	9	6	12	11	15	8	13	18	28	31	31	36	31	16	17	23	0	321
	May	5	0	0	8	16	13	13	16	19	18	26	29	24	29	26	21	13	17	0	293
	June	17	2	2	12	19	13	17	13	17	18	43	41	31	32	26	26	12	17	1	359
	July	15	1	4	11	11	9	5	15	13	24	29	25	37	39	24	22	14	20	0	318
	August	12	0	1	4	11	10	19	16	8	30	26	34	28	30	34	31	19	22	0	335
	September	13	1	2	8	14	16	19	10	14	13	23	29	32	26	26	20	20	7	0	293
	October	8	5	6	7	15	12	16	13	13	25	22	38	24	32	30	23	14	14	0	317
	November	8	2	3	11	18	15	21	14	19	10	27	31	20	21	25	16	15	15	0	291
	December	12	1	6	17	16	13	22	11	16	38	28	32	38	26	24	23	15	9	0	347
2020	January	8	2	3	7	15	15	12	15	19	24	27	26	30	22	30	32	20	10	0	317
	February	4	5	2	13	14	15	18	18	11	20	16	38	23	27	19	19	10	10	0	282
	March	7	1	0	10	8	17	16	11	25	13	17	36	33	26	31	20	16	9	0	296
	April	3	1	0	8	6	8	8	13	11	20	23	22	21	29	26	14	8	8	0	229
	May	6	0	3	6	8	18	7	13	11	24	25	33	24	25	26	22	12	16	2	281
	June	13	1	3	8	14	13	11	8	11	13	31	32	30	32	29	21	16	15	1	302
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	October	6	1	1	9	16	17	13	17	19	27	29	35	32	27	30	21	12	12	0	324
	November	3	0	6	8	10	13	7	10	10	25	36	28	26	31	24	19	13	8	0	277
	December	14	0	3	13	16	13	12	22	10	19	35	36	36	19	26	15	14	17	0	320
2021	January	9	1	2	15	12	13	14	12	11	25	17	35	28	30	26	19	10	14	0	293
	February	11	1	0	6	9	16	18	15	17	17	32	23	30	28	20	20	16	14	0	293
	March	5	2	4	3	13	18	17	14	19	21	31	28	36	32	23	24	8	18	0	316
	April	14	0	1	8	10	16	16	16	16	13	33	31	25	19	29	11	17	11	0	286
	May	16	0	4	5	6	7	17	15	18	27	26	28	40	35	26	32	15	14	0	331
	June	12	1	2	4	10	14	15	16	10	17	24	25	34	22	23	19	14	11	0	273

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