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Dear Mr Pietkiewicz

I refer to your Official Information Act request received by Police on 14 May 2014 for copies of Police reports relating to all fatalities on New Zealand roads for the last five years.

There have been over 1600 fatalities on New Zealand roads over the past five years. For each one of these tragic events, several reports covering differing aspects of the incident can be produced. The reports are held by the Policing District in which the incident occurred. Police do not collate reports relating to road fatalities in a central repository, therefore your request is refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

The Ministry of Transport publishes an annual statistical statement on road crashes in New Zealand that may provide much of the information you are seeking. The data is derived from crash reports completed by Police who attend fatal and injury crashes. The statements can be found at <http://www.transport.govt.nz/research/roadcrashstatistics/motorvehiclecrashesinnewzealand/>

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsmen and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

  
Inspector Peter McKennie  
Acting National Manager Road Policing