

10 September 2024

File Ref: 240711

Roger Calkin  
Via fyi-request-28022-e07d2e1b@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Roger

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 12 August 2024 regarding an incident at the Kupe Statue on the Wellington waterfront on 10 July 2021.

You requested:

*Can you please answer the questions from my original request as restated above in respect of the Kupe Statue incident on 10 July 2021. And can you please advise why my original request did not see this information provided as required by law?*

Your questions from your original OIA request of 23 June 2023 (reference 230611) were:

- 1. Date and time of the incident*
- 2. Date and time it was reported*
- 3. Action taken by Worksafe in respect of the incident*
- 4. Any reports provided to Worksafe in respect of the incident*
- 5. Any reports produced by worksafe in respect of the incident*

Firstly, please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your son, Sandy.

It is regrettable that the details regarding the notification of the Kupe Statute incident were not provided in response to your original request. This information was not identified at the time of your earlier request, and I acknowledge that this omission will likely have been frustrating for you.

WorkSafe receives a large number of notifications and this information is recorded and managed for the purpose of enabling WorkSafe to undertake its regulatory functions. While our records are appropriate for our regulatory purposes, how our data and information is recorded does not necessarily enable it to be easily retrieved for other purposes. Effective searches of our data can be affected by several parameters including technical limitations on search fields, and inconsistency between details recorded and search terms used. Searches will often require a manual exercise, which presents potential for human error and oversight.

### Information being released

Question	Answer
<i>Date and time of the incident</i>	6:45pm 10 July 2021
<i>Date and time it was reported</i>	12:20pm 15 July 2021
<i>Action taken by Worksafe in respect of the incident</i>	WorkSafe reviewed the Notification that was reported to WorkSafe, considered the applicable guidelines which inform intervention by WorkSafe, and communicated to the Wellington City Council that WorkSafe would not be taking further action before closing the matter.

Question	Answer
<i>Any reports provided to Worksafe in respect of the incident</i>	<p>No reports were provided to WorkSafe in respect of this incident following receipt of the Notification to WorkSafe.</p> <p>The Notification included the following details:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Injury/Illness sustained by someone</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">tripped over edge definition at edge of a lighting pit. fell into pit - approx 1m below and impacted the metal grate at the bottom of the pit impacting left eye and forehead above</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Wellington Free Ambulance were on site and treated patient and transported to hospital</p>
<i>Any reports produced by Worksafe in respect of the incident</i>	No reports were produced by WorkSafe in respect of this incident.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision, and further information is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you require further assistance, please contact [ministerial.services@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerial.services@worksafe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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