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Dear Mark

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2015 to the NZ Police requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

'In the Waikato District for the years of 2011-14 and 2015 to date:

1. how many times were the NZ Police information about stock on the road (excluding State Highways)
2. the number of accidents caused as a result of stock on the road
3. how many of the vehicles resulted in injury and death'

On 3 August 2015, your questions 2 and 3 were transferred to the NZ Transport Agency under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982. The NZ Police will provide a separate response to your first question.

I can advise that from 2011 to 2014, and for the year 2015 to date, there were 54 police reported crashes in the Waikato district that involved farm animals straying as a contributing factor. Of these crashes, three involved serious injury, nine resulted in minor injury, and the remaining 42 were non-injury.

This data has been provided from the Crash Analysis System (CAS), and has been limited to police reported crashes in the Waikato district for the years 2011 to 2014, and for the year 2015 to date, as recorded in CAS as at 4 August 2015. The counts provided refer to number of crashes, and only includes crashes where the contributing factor was farm animals straying. Please note that due to the police reporting time frame and subsequent data processing, there is a lag of approximately three months from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS. Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes it is believed that these are under-reported, with the level of under-reporting decreasing with the severity of the crash. Traffic crash data covers all New Zealand roadways or places where the public have legal access with a motor vehicle.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Carolyn Fyfe, Manager Statistical Analysis, by email to carolyn.fyfe@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 4742.

Yours sincerely



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