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Mr Marc Bolland  
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Dear Mr Bolland

**Official Information Request: Tourist Crash Statistics from 2014 to present**

I refer to your request dated 16 February 2016, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, seeking “the total tourist related crashes, and driving infringements, Careless driving, Wreckless driving and anything that endangers the lives of all New Zealanders that are on the road.”

You also indicate that you are “not requesting the information about the persons who have permanent residency who are from overseas.... but the persons with the following visas

Temporary Work Visa  
Persons visiting on holiday or business  
Persons Temporarily Studying in New Zealand”

The Ministry uses data from the Crash Analysis System (CAS) to review crashes. Police enter the data in a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) when they attend a crash and the NZ Transport Agency enters the information from that into CAS. In cases where the driver is using an overseas driver licence, the country issuing the driver licence is captured on the TCR and CAS. However, the visa status of the overseas driver is not, so we are unable to provide you with the information requested.

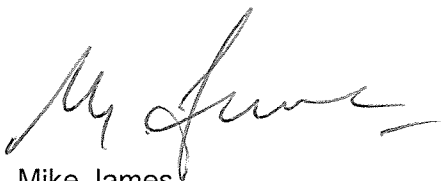
Accordingly the Ministry is refusing your request in reliance on section 18(g), which provides that a request may be refused on the ground that we do not hold the information and have no grounds for believing that the information is held by any other agency. Police also do not record or have access to the visa status of a tourist driver for infringements and other driving offences.

Statistics on crashes involving overseas drivers are available on the Ministry’s website at: <http://www.transport.govt.nz/research/crashfacts/overseasdriversincrashes/>. As before, these figures do not indicate the visa status of the overseas driver because the information is not captured.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint about the refusal of information to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
P O Box 10-152  
**WELLINGTON**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike James', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike James  
**General Manager Road & Rail**  
for CHIEF EXECUTIVE