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Dear Fiona

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 14 July 2016, for information on traffic offending for youth under the age of 18, broken down by age group.

You requested:

Your recently published statistical data set on road policing driver offending is of interest - Road Policing Driver Offence Data - January 2009 to March 2016 (published July 2016). I would like to request a sub-set of this data identifying the same statistics for youth 16 years and under and for 17 year olds (or the 17-19 year old band reported for other offending by the statistics department). The second age bracket is in consideration of the current discussion around raising the age of youth to those under 18 years of age.

Please find attached a spreadsheet with the data requested. Using the pivot tables you will be able to select and view by desired age group and offence type.

Please note this spreadsheet contains provisional data which is drawn from a dynamic operational database. This is subject to change as new information is recorded or recoded. The data does not include cancelled infringements and proceedings, but does include minor infringement offences cleared as Written Traffic Warnings (WTWs) since the adoption of Police's Written Traffic Warning Policy in 2014.

Legislation for the mobile phone, youth zero alcohol driving and lowered adult alcohol driving limit infringement types were introduced in November 2009, August 2011 and December 2014, respectively. These infringement types do not show in the data prior to these months. Alcohol- and drug-specific infringements and proceedings do not include impaired driving offences in which the substance type is not explicitly identified in the offence description.

Note that the data used to obtain the offender age does not include the fee value of the offences. It is not possible to provide that part of the data while including the age of the offender.

I hope the information provided will assist you and your studies.

Yours sincerely



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