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Dear Mr Ross

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 24 July 2016, for information on traffic offences in Christchurch.

Note that to approximate the requested urban areas in Christchurch, infringements and offence proceedings recorded as occurring within the following scene station boundaries are included: Christchurch, Christchurch Airport, Christchurch South, Hornby, New Brighton, Papanui, Rolleston, Sumner, Lincoln and Lyttelton. Note that some scene station boundaries encapsulate both urban and rural areas.

You requested:

1. *Total number of tickets issued by officers in the Christchurch Urban Area (CBD and Suburbs i.e Christchurch Based Police Officers) for motorists "running red lights" (Not including Red light Cameras) broken down by year, between 2009- 2015.*

Road Policing data does not report the number of people ticketed, because an infringement notice can include multiple traffic offences. However, Police can report on the number of traffic offences dealt with by way of infringement notices and proceedings. Please refer to the attached table for the total number of traffic offences dealt with by way of infringement notices and proceedings, broken down by year, between 2009 - 2015.

2. *Total number of motor-accidents in the Christchurch Urban Area (CBD and Suburbs i.e Christchurch Based Police Officers) at controlled intersections (Traffic Lights only) broken down by Year, between 2009 - 2015.*

This question has been transferred to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), who are responsible for holding this information.

3. *Total number of Bus drivers, driving buses that were issued tickets by officers in the Christchurch Urban Area (CBD and Suburbs i.e Christchurch Based Police Officers) for "running red lights". (Not including Red light Cameras) broken down by Year, between 2009- 2015.*

Police is not required to record occupations for infringement offences and do not hold the data requested. Therefore your request for information on total number of bus drivers that were issued tickets by officers for "running red lights" in the Christchurch Urban Area is refused

pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, in that the information request is not held.

However, Police does record the vehicle type when issuing an infringement notice. Please refer to the attached table for the number of traffic offences dealt with by way of infringement notices for "running red lights" in the Christchurch Urban Area, where the vehicle was recorded as being a bus, broken down by year between 2009 - 2015.

Note that Vehicle type classifications are manually coded and may contain some inaccuracies. Because vehicle type is not recorded for proceedings, only infringements are included.

- 4. Total number of tickets issued by officers in the Christchurch Urban Area (CBD and Suburbs i.e Christchurch Based Police Officers) for motorists "using a cellphone/device whilst driving" broken down by Year, between the new law passing making it illegal and 2015.*

Please refer to the attached table for the total number of traffic infringement notices issued for using a mobile while driving in the Christchurch Urban Area, broken down by year between 1 November 2009 - 2015.

- 5. The total number of motorists found to be over the legal driving limit by officers in the Christchurch Urban Area (CBD and Suburbs i.e Christchurch Based Police Officers) broken down by Year, between 2009 and 2015.*

"Motorists found to be over the legal driving limit" is treated as a request for the number of drivers found to be exceeding the legal alcohol limit. Road Policing data does not report the number of people found to be over the legal driving limit. Therefore your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act, in that the information requested is not held.

However, Police can report on the number of infringement offences and court level proceedings related to motorist being found to be exceeding the legal alcohol limit. Please see the attached table for information on the total on the number of infringement offences and court level proceedings found to be exceeding the legal alcohol limit by Police in the Christchurch Urban Area, broken down by year between 1 November 2009 - 2015.

This includes infringements and court level proceedings related to driver-specific offences only, and does not include aiding/abetting drink drive offences.

- 6. The total number of disqualified drivers, that were found to be driving whilst disqualified by officers in the Christchurch Urban Area (CBD and Suburbs i.e Christchurch Based Police Officers) broken down by Year, between 2009 and 2015.*

Please refer to the attached table for the total number of disqualified drivers that were found to be driving whilst disqualified in the Christchurch Urban Area, broken down by year, between 2009 and 2015.

The data includes the number of infringements and court level proceedings related to driver offences in which the driver was previously disqualified from driving, or where a driver had been found to be driving contrary to the conditions of a limited licence (issued to disqualified drivers for driving under restricted conditions).

This reply contains provisional data which is drawn from a dynamic operational database, which is subject to change as new information is recorded or recoded.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Superintendent Steve Greally
National Manager Road Policing

Appendix 1:

Officer-issued red light, mobile phone use, driver alcohol limit exceeded and driving while disqualified infringements and proceedings 2009-2015:

Calendar Year	All Officer-issued red light	Red light (Bus vehicle type infringements only)	Mobile phone	Driver exceeded alcohol limit	Driving while disqualified
2009	1,687	8	66	2,412	734
2010	1,367	9	868	2,673	692
2011	1,252	6	1,478	3,118	724
2012	1,419	4	2,277	2,488	884
2013	1,268	5	2,118	2,030	784
2014	1,327	5	3,085	2,051	707
2015	1,346	1	3,431	2,327	581