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Dear Cody

Official Information Request – “Paxster” electric vehicles – hazards and legislation

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**), received by NZ Post on 10 March 2017.

Our response to each request is set out below.

I am requesting information relating to the “Paxster”, or electric delivery vehicles, now used by NZ Post. Specifically I am looking for:

- 1. Number of crashes and/or injuries involving staff and/or members of the public with “Paxster” vehicles since their introduction, as well as bicycles, along with a brief summary, grouped by year (up to a maximum of 5 years, or less if the information is not available).*

Table 1 – “crashes”

Year	Bicycle	Paxster
2012	284	
2013	142	
2014	236	1
2015	309	3
2016	254	30

The data provided for crashes involving bicycles and Paxsters is provided in the table above (by calendar year). There have been no reported incidents resulting in injury to members of the public through the use of Paxsters. Please note that we have interpreted “crashes” to mean incidents involving collisions (with people or objects - e.g. gates, fences, cars, poles, utilities etc) and falls (including falls to the ground not involving collision – e.g. loss of traction due to surface, distraction, user error etc). It should also be noted that “crashes” are recorded as an incident but may not result in any injury to the vehicle rider or operator or to anyone else.

The increase in Paxster related incidents (and decrease in 2016 in bicycle incidents) corresponds to the introduction of these new modes of delivery across our sites.

Providing a summary of each and every incident would require substantial collation and research so we are therefore refusing your request for a summary of each crash under section 18(f) of the Act.

Table 2 – Lost time injuries

Year	Bicycle	Paxster
2012	8	
2013	3	

Year	Bicycle	Paxster
2014	3	
2015	3	
2016	6	

There have been 18 Lost Time Injuries to employees involving bicycles since 2012 and none involving Paxsters in that time period, however, please note that 1 Lost Time Injury involving a Paxster operator was recorded in March 2017.

2. *Any plans, or documents, used to eliminate, isolate and minimize the hazards that may pertain to the operation of such a vehicle*

We attach a copy of our Integrated Delivery Health and Safety Risk Assessment and Management Plan with minor redactions. The grounds for each redaction are set out in that document, being section 9(2)(a) – withholding necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons; or section 9(2)(i) – withholding necessary to enable NZ Post to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. We have also redacted information that is out of scope to your request.

3. *What legislation enables the referenced vehicles to be operated on footpaths?*

Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004, section 2.13(1).

- 3.a. *If referring to the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004, section 2.13(2), which mentions “moped or motorcycle[s]” as being exempt from the prohibition of driving on footpaths, please clarify the registration status of said vehicles (with particular attention to vehicle registration number JDZ12 which is registered as a “light van”) as it would seem the above exemption would not apply.*

Our NZTA exemption relates to section 2.13(1) of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004, not section 2.13(2).

Section 2.13(1) states that a “driver must not drive a **motor vehicle** along a footpath”.

We attach a copy of our NZTA exemption.

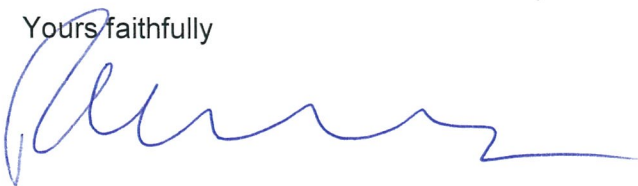
The New Zealand Post Paxster is legally classed as a NZ Light Goods Vehicles, including JDZ12. Under the NZTA exemptions applied to the NZ Post Paxster, these vehicles are able to be used on the footpath to deliver NZ Post products.

- 3.b. *If this information cannot be provided by New Zealand Post, please transfer this section of the request to the appropriate regional authority (as required).*

Not applicable.

Please note that you have the right, by way of complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, to seek an investigation and review of our decision to withhold some of the information you requested.

Yours faithfully



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