

26 September 2018

REF: OIA-4147

 Stuart MacDonald
 Via FYI website

Dear Stuart,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to the New Zealand Police on 27 August 2018 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). On 4 September 2018, the NZ Police transferred the following part of your request to the NZ Transport Agency for response:

*"... The total number of road collisions reported, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date
 - the total number of collisions attributable to mobile phone use whilst driving, 2016, 2017, 2018 to date."*

The information you have requested is provided in the following tables. It is important to note that because multiple factors may contribute to a crash, it is incorrect to state that all of the crashes in Table 2 were caused by cell phone use.

Table 1: NZ Police reported crashes - All crash factors					
Year	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Total
2016	285	2,118	7,665	27,020	37,088
2017	342	2,385	8,399	27,932	39,058
2018*	217	1,276	5,561	13,182	20,236

Table 2: NZ Police reported crashes - Cell phone use as factor					
Year	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Total
2016	6	14	73	213	306
2017	7	10	82	215	314
2018*	-	10	44	130	184

**As recorded in CAS as of 17 September 2018*

It is important to consider the following about this data:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) and is current as at 17 September 2018; crash data for 2018 is not for a complete calendar year.
- Due to the Police reporting time frame and subsequent data processing there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS.
- Data is for all Police reported crashes involving cell phones (factor 359 within CAS).
- Traffic crash data covers all NZ roadways or places where the public have legal access with a motor vehicle.
- Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes it is believed that these are under-reported; the level of under-reporting decreases with the severity of the crash.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Louisa Bloomer, Manager, Statistical Analysis, by email to louisa.bloomer@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 897 4649.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CFyfe', written in a cursive style.

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