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Dear Olivia

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2013 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- (a) the number of crashes in the Wellington region where running a red light was a factor for 2013 (to 30 September), 2012 and 2011
- (b) any paperwork or reports you have looking at red light running in Wellington between 1 October 2012 and 30 September 2013.

In response to part (a) of your request, the table below shows the number and type of crashes that occurred in the Wellington region between 1 January 2011 and 30 September 2013 where failing to stop at a steady red light or a steady red arrow was a contributory factor.

|            | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Total |
|------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Fatal      | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1     |
| Serious    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 7     |
| Minor      | 16   | 15   | 12   | 43    |
| Non-injury | 28   | 32   | 29   | 89    |
| Total      | 47   | 50   | 43   | 140   |

In response to part (b) of your request, I enclose a copy of *SH1, Karo Drive Wellington Crash Reduction Study*, dated January 2013.

This report was commissioned in response to safety concerns at two intersections on the state highway network: (1) Karo Drive/Victoria Street and (2) Karo Drive/Willis Street/Abel Smith Street. We have since implemented a number of the recommendations. The remainder will be implemented as part of the Inner City Bypass works which have recently started.

While red light running does not usually result in high severity crashes (due to the lower speed urban environment) we consider it a high-risk matter. Our signal operations team sets traffic signal timing to minimise the possibility of red light running caused by drivers being frustrated at having to wait for signals to change. We also continue to work with the Police in their role as enforcers.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Andy Knackstedt, National Media Manager, by email to [andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely

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

**Ernst Zöllner**  
Director of Road Safety