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Dear Sam

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

Thank you for your email to NZ Police dated 8 August 2018 information under the Official Act 1982 (the Act). On 21 August 2018, the Police transferred the following part of your request to the NZ Transport Agency (Transport Agency) for response:

*"The total number of fatal or serious road crashes nationwide, caused by distracted driving and broken into each year between November 1 2009 and August 8 2018"*

The Transport Agency's Crash Analysis System (CAS) records multiple factors for each crash of which distraction can be one of those factors. The Transport Agency can provide details of crashes where distraction is reported to have been a *factor*; however, you should note that it would be incorrect to conclude that all of these crashes were in fact *caused* by distraction.

A table of data regarding distraction-related crashes can be found in the attached spreadsheet:

- OIA-4109 distracted crashes.

Further details on the criteria and methodology of this data can be found in the spreadsheet under 'About the data'.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media by phone on 04 8946285, or by email to [andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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