

3 December 2018

REF: OIA-4356

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Reporter
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Dear Thomas,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to the NZ Police on 1 November 2018 requesting information under the Official Act 1982 (the Act).

On 5 November 2018 the NZ Police transferred the following part of your request to the NZ Transport Agency for response:

"3. The number of vehicle accidents involving bicycles attended by Police in central Wellington, per month for 2018 until the end of October 2018."

On 12 November 2018, you clarified that you meant "central Wellington" to be the Wellington City area.

The data you requested is:

Cyclist and vehicle crashes in Wellington City 2018	
Month	Injury and non-injury crashes
January	4
February	8
March	10
April	6
May	9
June	10
July	4
August	10
September	4
October	0

It is important to note:

- This data is from the NZ Transport Agency's road traffic crash database known as the Crash Analysis System (CAS).
- The cause of a crash cannot be attributed to any one factor (eg speed) as a crash may have multiple factors

- Data is limited to those crashes which are reported to or by the NZ Police involving cyclists and vehicles in Wellington City in 2018 and is current as of 13 November 2018.
- Data includes cyclist crashes into opening vehicle doors.
- CAS data covers all New Zealand roadways or places where the public have legal access with a motor vehicle.
- There is a lag between the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS. This is due to the time that passes before the crash is reported by NZ Police, and the processing of crash data by the Transport Agency.
- We believe that non-fatal crashes are underreported, with the level of underreporting decreasing with the severity of the crash.
- No fatal cyclist crashes have been reported to the Transport Agency in Wellington City this year as of 13 November 2018.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Katie Dooley, Manager, Statistical Analysis, by email to katie.dooley@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 5463.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Mellor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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