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Dear Morgan

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 19 February 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information on accidents at intersections in Hawke's Bay and across New Zealand around the time of the changes to the 'Give Way' rule in 2012.

Because your interest is specifically in crashes that may have been the result of changes in the Give Way rule, we have provided you with information on crashes that occurred at intersections only, rather than on all roads.

Please note that the figures for March each year are for a 7-day period (25 March to 31 March). By comparison, the figures for April each year are for a 25-day period (1 April to 25 April).

I have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

1. How many accidents were there on Hawke's Bay roads between 25 March 2012 and 25 April 2012?

Please refer to Table 1 in Appendix A.

2. What were the different types of accidents?

Please refer to Table 2 in Appendix A.

3. How many accidents were there on New Zealand roads between 25 March 2012 and 25 April 2012?

Please refer to Table 3 in Appendix A.

4. What were the different types of accidents?

Please refer to Table 4 in Appendix A.

5. How many accidents were there on Hawke's Bay roads between 25 March and 25 April for the following years 2009, 2010 and 2011?

Please refer to Table 5 in Appendix A.

6. How many accidents were there on New Zealand roads between 25 March and 25 April for the following years 2009, 2010 and 2011?

Please refer to Table 6 in Appendix A.

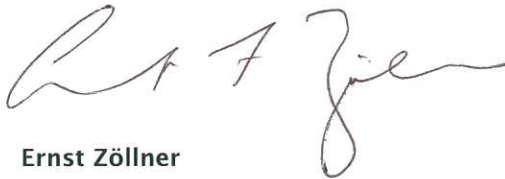
7. Were any of the above accidents believed to have been caused by the changes to the Give Way rule in 2012?

We are yet to complete our analysis of any possible links between the changes to the Give Way rule and the number of crashes at intersections. We expect to do so by mid-2013.

We would caution you against making any direct links between the introduction of the new Give Way rule and the reduction in crashes observed in 2012 compared with previous years

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZTA, please contact Andy Knackstedt by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix A

Table 1: Number of crashes at intersections in Hawke's Bay region between 25 March 2012 and 25 April 2012

	Crash type			
	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Total
March 2012	2	0	8	10
April 2012	1	5	23	29
Total	3	5	31	39

Table 2: Number and types of crashes at intersections in Hawke's Bay region between 25 March 2012 and 25 April 2012

	Cause	Crash type			Total
		Serious	Minor	Non-injury	
March	Bend: lost control/head on	1		1	2
	Crossing/turning	1		5	6
	Overtaking			1	1
	Rear end/obstruction			1	1
March total		2	0	8	10
April	Bend: lost control/head on			2	2
	Crossing/turning		4	12	16
	Overtaking			3	3
	Pedestrian vs vehicle	1			1
	Rear end/obstruction			6	6
	Straight road: lost control/head on		1		1
April total		1	5	23	29
Overall total		3	5	31	39

Table 3: Number of crashes at intersections across New Zealand between 25 March 2012 and 25 April 2012

	Crash Type				Total
	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	
March	1	22	59	179	261
April		39	218	549	806
Total	1	61	277	728	1067

Table 4: Number and types of crashes at intersections across New Zealand between 25 March 2012 and 25 April 2012

Month	Cause	Crash Type				Total
		Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	
March	Bend: lost control/head on		3	9	20	32
	Crossing/turning		9	26	64	99
	Miscellaneous				1	1
	Overtaking	1	2	3	17	23
	Pedestrian vs vehicle		5	8	1	14
	Rear end/obstruction		2	11	65	78
	Straight road: lost control/head on		1	2	11	14
March total		1	22	59	179	261
April	Bend: lost control/head on		9	27	104	140
	Crossing/turning		19	99	215	333
	Miscellaneous			1	4	5
	Overtaking		1	15	36	52
	Pedestrian vs vehicle		4	17	2	23
	Rear end/obstruction		2	42	163	207
	Straight road: lost control/head on		4	17	25	46
April total			39	218	549	806
Overall total		1	61	277	728	1067

Table 5: Number of crashes at intersections in the Hawke's Bay region between 25 March and 25 April for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

		Crash type				Total
		Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	
March	2011		2	4	13	19
	2010		1	3	11	15
	2009		2	4	7	13
March total		0	5	11	31	47
April	2011		2	19	40	61
	2010	1	4	9	37	51
	2009			11	31	42
April total		1	6	39	108	154
Overall total		1	11	50	139	201

Table 6: Number of crashes at intersections across New Zealand between 25 March and 25 April for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011

		Crash type				Total
		Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	
March	2011		23	66	209	298
	2010	1	13	70	232	316
	2009	1	16	81	225	323
March total		2	52	217	666	937
April	2011	5	35	250	727	1017
	2010	4	48	253	751	1056
	2009	10	31	296	762	1099
April total		19	114	799	2240	3172
Overall total		21	166	1016	2906	4109