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Tēnā koe Francesc,

Thank you for your email dated 21 December 2021, regarding your research in the field of ophthalmology and its links to road safety. You have made a request, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), seeking data relating to driver's license holders with macular degeneration or cataracts.

Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) does not collect the data that you have requested and nor does Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, who we contacted on your behalf.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry, and we have no grounds to believe it is held by another agency.

You have the right under Section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint about this refusal to the Ombudsman, who can be contacted at: **info@ombudsman.parliament.nz**.

Nāku noa, nā,

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Hilary Penman Manager, Ministerial Services