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12th October 2023



Tēnā koe

I refer to your email/letter dated October 4th, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The number of bus crashes in 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.*
- *Please include how many people were onboard, how many were injured and if any injuries were serious or fatal.*
- *When and where the crash occurred and the name of the bus company.*

The following information falls within the scope of your request:

- *The number of bus crashes in 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018*

This table shows the number of bus crashes by year by crash severity.

	Fatal Crash	Serious Crash	Minor Crash	Non-Injury Crash	Grand Total
2018	8	44	144	510	706
2019	9	36	136	541	722
2020	3	28	99	368	498
2021	3	31	110	333	477
2022	11	32	116	285	444
Grand Total	34	171	605	2037	2847

- *How many people were onboard, how many were injured and if any injuries were serious or fatal.*

This table shows the number of bus occupants injured and not injured in bus crashes where at least one injury occurred. Please note that this information may not be as accurate for uninjured passengers.

	Fatal	Serious Injured	Minor Injured	Nil	Grand Total
2018	2	23	126	160	311
Driver		5	38	157	200
Passenger	2	18	88	3	111
2019	7	28	103	290	428
Driver	2	9	37	134	182
Passenger	5	19	66	156	246
2020	2	17	56	235	310

	Driver	1	3	26	101	131
	Passenger	1	14	30	134	179
2021			10	68	207	285
	Driver		4	26	113	143
	Passenger		6	42	94	142
2022		2	26	68	195	291
	Driver	1	10	32	116	159
	Passenger	1	16	36	79	132
Grand Total		13	104	421	1087	1625

This table shows an annual breakdown of people injured in crashes involving buses, what mode of transport they were using, and their injury severity.

		Fatal	Serious Injured	Minor Injured	Grand Total
2018	Bus	2	23	126	151
	Car/Wagon	4	13	63	80
	Cycle	1	2	10	13
	Moped			5	5
	Motorcycle		2	1	3
	Pedestrian	2	14	26	42
	SUV		2	6	8
	Truck			4	4
	Ute	1	1		2
	Van			9	9
	Wheeled pedestrian (wheelchairs, mobility scooters)		1		1
2019	Bus	7	28	103	138
	Car/Wagon	1	6	68	75
	Cycle	1	5	5	11
	Moped		1	3	4
	Motorcycle		1	4	5
	Pedestrian	2	7	23	32
	SUV			14	14
	Truck	1	2	4	7
	Ute	1	1	6	8
	Van		3	1	4
2020	Bus	2	17	56	75
	Car/Wagon		7	59	66
	Cycle		2	6	8
	Moped			1	1
	Motorcycle		5	2	7
	Pedestrian	1	11	12	24
	SUV			1	1
	Truck			2	2
	Ute			4	4
	Van			5	5

2021	Bus		10	68	78
	Car/Wagon	2	17	57	76
	Cycle		3	8	11
	Moped			1	1
	Motorcycle		1	4	5
	Pedestrian	1	6	10	17
	SUV		2	7	9
	Truck		1		1
	Ute		3	5	8
	Van		1	1	2
2020	Bus	2	26	68	96
	Car/Wagon	3	13	58	74
	Cycle	1	1	9	11
	Moped		1	1	2
	Motorcycle	2	2	2	6
	Pedestrian	3	7	14	24
	SUV			5	5
	Truck		1	1	2
	Ute		1	11	12
	Van			2	2
	Grand Total	40	250	961	1251

- *Where the crash occurred*

This table shows the number of bus injury crashes between 2018 and 2022 by region.

	Fatal Crashes	Serious Crashes	Minor Crashes
Auckland Region	10	58	232
Bay of Plenty Region	5	7	35
Canterbury Region	4	17	41
Gisborne Region		2	11
Hawke's Bay Region	1	9	25
Manawatū-Whanganui Region	3	12	25
Marlborough Region		4	8
Nelson Region			4
Northland Region	3	9	22
Otago Region	1	12	30
Southland Region	2	7	15
Taranaki Region		1	4
Tasman Region		1	9
Waikato Region	3	13	61
Wellington Region	1	17	77
West Coast Region	1	1	3
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I am refusing your request for *the name of the bus company*, under the Section 18(f) of the Act, that the information requested can not be made available without substantial collation or research as the bus company is not recorded in the Crash Analysis System.

The data is extracted from the Crash Analysis System. It is based on police reported crashes only. The data supplied is correct as at October 9th 2023. We have only included the non injury data to supply numbers of crashes. The Crash Analysis System does not contain enough reliable information on non injury crashes to supply a further breakdown. The 2022 data is considered provisional and may change as more information on each crash becomes available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

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Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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