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Dear Catherine

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 8 November 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- 'The number of at-fault drivers charged for recovery of crash/damage to roads and total amount charged to drivers each year for the past three years.'
- 'How much the largest invoice was in the past three years and details of the crash and what repair work needed to be done.'

In respect of your first query, please refer to an earlier response available at:

www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/oia-2016/OIA-2621-Sharpe2.pdf.

The highest single amount invoiced was \$93,114.27 to repair damage to a bridge. We are withholding details of the date, time, and place of the crash under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to withhold this information.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, National Media Manager, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely

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