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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**  
**SUBJECT:**

I refer to your email dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

**QUESTION**

Please can I request traffic accident data for the following roads with details and location information, if possible?

- A712 from Crocketford to New Galloway
- A713 from Castle Douglas to New Galloway
- Junctions at both ends

**RESPONSE**

Please see the table below which provides the number of Road Traffic Collisions recorded on the specified roads between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

I must explain that the information provided does not include the date of the incidents or the exact locations as this could lead to the identification of

specific accidents and, by association the individuals involved. The release of personal information, either directly or inadvertently under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act is not permitted. I therefore must reply to this part of your request in terms of Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act: Personal Information.

<b>A712 between New Galloway and Crocketford (including Junctions)</b>	
Slight	9
Serious	2
Fatal	0

<b>A713 between A75 slip road and A712 junction at Ken Bridge (incl junctions)</b>	
Slight	8
Serious	4
Fatal	2

For information, the following guidelines have been used when assessing the severity of each vehicle accident.

**Slight** – a collision in which nobody is seriously or fatally injured, but at least one person is slightly injured. Examples of “Slight” injury include, but are not limited to, sprains, slight cuts, bruising, and neck whiplash injury.

**Serious** – a collision which does not cause death and which is in one or more of the following categories:

- a) an injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an in-patient
- b) any of the following injuries: Fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushing, severe cuts and lacerations, severe shock requiring treatment
- c) any injury causing death 30 or more days after the accident

**Fatal** – a collision in which at least one person is fatally injured, including collisions where someone dies within 30 days of a collision.

Please be aware that Police Scotland is not required to attend or record collisions that have not resulted in injuries or damage to property. Therefore, the information provided does not include ‘damage only’ collisions where parties exchanged details at the scene.

I trust that the information available is of assistance and should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me on 0131 311 3901 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance and within 40 working days of receiving this letter to request a review of the decision made by the Service. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH. (Or email [foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk)).

Once informed of the review decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. The contact details are: Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610. Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely,

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