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Kia ora Percy

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-030428

Thank you for your email of 8 February 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- Please provide details of legislative consideration of approving cover for illness for the following case:
<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rnz.co.nz%2Fnews%2Fnational%2F349184%2Ffamily-struck-down-by-eating-boar-to-get-acc&data=05%7C02%7Cgovernmentservices%40acc.co.nz%7C7c89fb8d7f924ee6ccb108dc288df319%7C8506768fa7d1475b901cfc1c222f496a%7C0%7C0%7C638429837341667369%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjE1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rPk2aMhe4gVyDnPzqh%2F70tg0KAfoZkxDW%2FW8WqkrZMs%3D&reserved=0>*
- Please provide figures for the Havelock North water contamination cases including the number of claims received in total, the number accepted, and the number declined.*
- Please provide details of legislative consideration in approving or declining cover in relation to Q 2.*
- Please provide the figures for the number of non-injury related illness covered per year for the last ten years.*
- In relation to Q 4, please specify what illnesses were covered for these cases.*
- In relation to Q 5, please provide the total figures for the number of times each non-injury related illness was covered in the last ten years.*
- Please provide a figure for the total cost of non-injury related illness covered in the last ten years.*

The relevant legislation for the case you refer to can be found in section 25(1)(ba) of the Accident Compensation Act 2001 here: [Accident Compensation Act 2001 No 49 \(as at 06 September 2023\), Public Act 25 Accident – New Zealand Legislation.](#)

We are refusing your request for Havelock North water contamination cases

We are unable to identify claims related to the Havelock North water contamination incident as the information is not readily available from our data sets. To find the information you have requested, we would need to undertake a manual search of a significant number of claim files. As such, we are refusing this part of your request as finding the information would require substantial collation and research. This decision is made under section 18(f) of the Act.

In making this decision, we considered extending the time limit for responding or applying a charge (as allowed under the Act). However, neither of these were offered as responding using either option would still have unreasonably interfered with ACC's operations.

The legislative considerations for water contamination in these cases apply to section 25(1)(ba) of the Accident Compensation Act 2001.

ACC does not cover illness

As such, we are unable to provide you with information related to non-injury related illnesses for questions four to seven. We are therefore refusing your request as the information does not exist. This decision is made under section 18(e) of the Act.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz..

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