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Kia ora Percy

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-031062

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I understand you had difficulty in undertaking the finding of all Havelock North cases and therefore are unable to provide accurate numbers. Could you please find one claim that was approved for cover and specify what cover was awarded for. In relation to approving cover, you referred me to the legislation in your answer below... "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." In relation to the Havelock North cases, you may or may not know that campylobacter is a bacterial infection. The legislation you refer to includes reference to it as "bacterium". The relevant section of the legislation is Section 25 (1) (b) and (ba). I presume you're answering that in relation to questions 1 & 3 I had in relation to cover in the wild boar case and the Havelock North water contamination cases. Can you confirm that you're telling me then, that ACC covered those cases due to "criminal act"?*
- *In relation to the wild boar cases, what was cover awarded for? Please be as specific as possible. Again, referring the legislation you referenced I noted again in Q 1, were the cases covered due to "criminal act"?*

Havelock North Water contamination claims

No claims concerning the 2016 Havelock North water contamination incident were approved for cover. Therefore, we are unable to provide the information you requested as it does not exist. This decision has been made under section 18(e) of the Act.

Wild boar cases

We have interpreted this part of your request as seeking the entitlements provided for these claims. Entitlements provided in this case were the cost of hospital bills, lost income, and rehabilitation. We can confirm that cover wasn't given in this case because of a 'criminal act'.

If you are not happy with this response

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