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Tēnā koe Alan

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-000716

Thank you for your email of 19 June 2019 about information on asbestos related claims. I apologise for the delay in responding to you. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Please provide information about the number of ACC claims received for Asbestos inhalation and the number of known deaths of those applicants during the past five years.*

Our response: Asbestos related claim data

The following two tables, show the data for Mesothelioma and Asbestos related claims you have requested.

Table 1: Count of Mesothelioma and Asbestos related claims lodged

Financial lodgement year	Claim count
Jul 2014 - Jun 2015	217
Jul 2015 - Jun 2016	202
Jul 2016 - Jun 2017	227
Jul 2017 - Jun 2018	206
Jul 2018 - Jun 2019	224
Grand total	1,076

Table 2: Count of fatal Mesothelioma and Asbestos related claims lodged

Financial lodgement year	Claim count
Jul 2014 - Jun 2015	87
Jul 2015 - Jun 2016	59
Jul 2016 - Jun 2017	72
Jul 2017 - Jun 2018	58
Jul 2018 - Jun 2019	34
Grand total	310

Notes on data

Please take in to account the following, when referring to this data:

- A financial year is 1 July to 30 June
- The data provided is from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019
- Accredited employer claims have been excluded
- This data extract includes both primary and secondary injuries as claims can have multiple injuries
- ACC is not able to provide comprehensive fatality statistics, as ACC data is collected on the basis of claims made. Our data may not represent the total number of fatalities related to accidents for the following reasons:
 - Many people are not aware that they can make a claim related to an accidental death of family member and therefore ACC only ever receives claims for a subset of accidental deaths.
 - If a person who has an open claim with ACC dies of their injuries, or other causes, ACC is not necessarily notified of this.
- Data were extracted on the 22 July 2019 and may differ if a re-run at a later date

We are happy to answer your questions

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz

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