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Tēnā koe Blaize

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-003602**

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2020, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please provide information regarding the total cost of injuries covered by ACC that occurred on School Campuses (Primary, Intermediate, Highschool, and University), as well as on school related activities (School Camp, Trips etc)*

**Information about school injury costs**

The information you have requested is provided in the attached appendix. When using this data please refer to the comments about our claims data below, as well as the notes in the appendix.

**How we have collated claims information for your request**

The attached information about 'injuries that occurred at school' (Tables 1 – 3) is based on claims where the scene of the accident has been recorded as 'School'. We have separated this data into age groups which broadly represent different school levels (5 - 10 years old for primary school, 11 – 12 for intermediate, and 13 – 18 for high school).

The information we can provide you about injuries for school related activities (school trips and camps) or universities (including polytechnics) is based on key word searches from the accident description field in claim application forms. This is a free-text field which is completed by the client's treatment provider and is not mandatory to complete. The level of detail provided in these descriptions can vary from claim to claim. Noting these points, we do not consider that this information is robust, and should be considered as indicative only.

**Privacy**

ACC does not routinely disclose claim figures below four. Accordingly, we have used the value <4 where the actual count is between one and three, and '<\$100' for any spend less than \$100. These measures have been taken to ensure that individual claims cannot be identified in the information we release. This decision is made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. We consider that the public interest in the specific figures does not outweigh the privacy interests of the Individuals.

**Queries about this response**

If you have any questions, you can email me at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz). If you are not happy with this decision, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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Appendix

**Injuries at school (Tables 1 – 3)**

**Definitions**

**New claims** - all claims that were accepted for cover in the relevant year.

**Active claims** - all claims which generated an ACC payment in the relevant Calendar year. This includes any new or older claim, which received an ACC payment. A claim may be active over many periods, and therefore appear more than once in the data.

**Table 1: Number of new claims for injuries that occurred at school, by age of client**

Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Under 5 years</b>	6,688	7,007	7,491	8,057	8,920
<b>5 - 10 years</b>	32,832	35,111	36,263	35,692	37,095
<b>11 - 12 years</b>	15,905	16,624	17,013	16,404	17,788
<b>13 - 18 years</b>	34,646	34,987	34,052	32,455	32,803
<b>19+ years</b>	7,575	7,751	8,012	7,552	7,829

**Table 2: Number of active claims for injuries that occurred at school, by age of client**

Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Under 5 years</b>	5,905	6,230	6,563	7,128	7,846
<b>5 - 10 years</b>	32,437	34,744	35,889	35,686	37,022
<b>11 - 12 years</b>	15,887	16,617	17,136	16,634	17,810
<b>13 - 18 years</b>	35,632	35,668	34,873	33,633	33,938
<b>19+ years</b>	9,335	9,262	9,547	9,164	9,493

**Table 3: Cost of active claims for injuries that occurred at school, by age of client**

Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Under 5 years</b>	\$1,110,908	\$1,210,807	\$1,508,567	\$1,791,503	\$1,830,489
<b>5 - 10 years</b>	\$7,370,397	\$8,516,079	\$9,188,545	\$9,030,482	\$9,944,795
<b>11 - 12 years</b>	\$4,258,345	\$4,483,609	\$4,936,092	\$4,925,282	\$5,395,696
<b>13 - 18 years</b>	\$11,961,680	\$11,693,201	\$12,395,738	\$13,814,918	\$14,249,584
<b>19+ years</b>	\$9,467,417	\$9,472,006	\$10,078,797	\$10,274,136	\$10,665,895

**Injuries on school trips and camps (Tables 4 – 6)**

**Table 4: Number of new claims for school related injuries, by scene and age of client**

Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Under 5 years</b>	7	6	7	6	13
<b>5 - 10 years</b>	133	144	149	150	160
<b>11 - 12 years</b>	126	156	139	146	139
<b>13 - 18 years</b>	207	148	193	188	183
<b>19+ years</b>	155	151	174	154	153

**Table 5: Number of active claims for school related injuries, by scene and age of client**

Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Under 5 years</b>	5	6	7	5	9
<b>5 - 10 years</b>	123	142	147	152	159
<b>11 - 12 years</b>	122	133	126	146	140
<b>13 - 18 years</b>	192	169	195	203	212
<b>19+ years</b>	187	188	198	191	198

**Table 6: Cost of active claims for school related injuries, by scene and age of client**

Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Under 5 years</b>	\$466	\$562	\$1,412	\$653	\$1,517
<b>5 - 10 years</b>	\$27,568	\$39,228	\$31,959	\$56,392	\$39,787
<b>11 - 12 years</b>	\$39,139	\$47,069	\$36,780	\$50,225	\$35,076
<b>13 - 18 years</b>	\$452,220	\$397,568	\$381,399	\$236,354	\$244,189
<b>19+ years</b>	\$198,265	\$219,400	\$225,965	\$206,894	\$173,773

**Injuries at Universities and polytechnics (Tables 7 – 9)**

**Table 7: Number of new claims for university related injuries, by scene and age of client**

Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Under 13 years</b>	4	<4	<4	<4	5
<b>13 - 18 years</b>	29	36	28	24	37
<b>19+ years</b>	159	204	159	170	157

**Table 8: Number of active claims for university related injuries, by scene and age of client**

Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Under 13 years</b>	<4	4	4	<4	5
<b>13 - 18 years</b>	26	38	27	24	39
<b>19+ years</b>	183	220	191	217	203

**Table 9: Cost of active claims for university related injuries, by scene and age of client**

Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Under 13 years</b>	\$853	\$1,699	\$623	<\$100	\$2,598
<b>13 - 18 years</b>	\$8,944	\$7,996	\$6,959	\$3,263	\$19,532
<b>19+ years</b>	\$64,168	\$141,307	\$150,577	\$162,892	\$184,190

**Notes**

- The data is based on the calendar year in which the claim was registered (Tables 1, 4 and 7), or a payment was made on the claims (Tables 2-3, 5-6 and 8-9).
- The claims were accepted by ACC for cover.
- Accredited employer claims have been excluded.
- Costs do not include acute treatment provided by public hospitals. Those costs are bulk-funded by ACC, and the costs are not attributable to individual claims.
- Costs do not include GST.
- The data was extracted on 11 February 2020 and may differ if rerun at a later date.