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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-022857

Thank you for your request of 30 December 2022 asking for the following information:

Again, I have not requested the number of claims accepted, but the number of claims submitted to ACC which were either Medical Misadventure or Medical Treatment Injury Claims. Would it be more clear if I were to ask for the total number of claims submitted, total number of claims accepted and total number of claims declined?

ACC does not capture cancer-related treatment injury data separately

ACC is unable to readily identify cancer-related treatment injury claims from its claims data. Extracting the number of submitted or declined cancer claims would require us to manually review all treatment injury claims submitted or declined to identify if they were cancer related. Therefore, we are refusing to provide this data as it would require substantial collation and research to extract. This decision has been made under section 18(f) of the Act.

As noted in our previous responses, cancer-related treatment injury data is limited to a group of claims manually extracted and reviewed by the clinical services team in July 2021. Given the above, the cancer-related claims counted in the table provided have been extracted from that group of accepted cancer-related claims that were reviewed in July 2021. Consistent with our response of 10 November 2022, the data provided covers claims accepted between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2021.

Table 1: Number of accepted claims by Decision Financial Year and Cancer-related Identification, for treatment injuries relating to treatment omission accepted

Decision Financial Year	Not Cancer-related	Cancer-related	Total
2016/17	140	44	184
2017/18	112	38	150
2018/19	134	31	165
2019/20	153	57	210
2020/21	163	74	237
Total	702	244	946

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

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