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Kia ora Chris

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-021940

Thank you for your follow up email of 11 November 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Total dollar value claims to date - one figure will suffice and suspect this is quite easy. Please also provide "ongoing" costs / claims that ACC are committed to per month.*
2. *List of all injuries paid out on has a category of "Other". I want the specifics associated with "Other".*

ACC publishes COVID-19 vaccine injury data online

The information requested for question one is available on the ACC website, here:

www.acc.co.nz/assets/oia-responses/covid-19-vaccination-claims-refresh-august-2022-ipa-8450.pdf. The total payments made by ACC, can be found on page three. Please note that the COVID-19 vaccine injury claims data is updated on a quarterly basis. As the data is publicly available, we are not providing a copy of it in this response. This decision has been made under section 18(d) of the Act.

Ongoing costs/claims that ACC are committed to per month

ACC forecasts overall claim volumes to enable it to budget for and respond to future demand for its services. It does not forecast projected costs for vaccine treatment injury claims as a separate group of claims. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

Our system is set to capture the categories reported

The breakdown of "other" is not information readily available because our system is not set to capture this level of detail. To provide the information requested, it would require us to manually read through the 310 claims noted in the link above. As such, we are refusing to provide the data requested due to substantial collation and research to extract. This decision has been made under section 18(f) of the Act.

In doing so, we have considered extending our timeframe to respond and charging (under the Act). However, neither of these options have been offered as it has been determined that the resources required to extract the data would have a significant impact on the everyday functions of the team(s) involved.

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

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz. If you are not happy with this response, you can also contact the Ombudsman via info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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