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Kia ora Anthony

## Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-032984

Thank you for your request of 11 June 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1/ Please disclose the number of High Court Hearings that have been Initiated by Claimants in taking the ACC to the High Court for respective years 2010 to date

2/ Please disclose the number of High Court Hearings that have been Initiated by Claimants in taking the ACC to the High Court for respective years 2010 to date that have resulted in Favor of the ACC ie Claimant lost

3/ Please disclose the number of High Court Hearings that have been Initiated by Claimants in taking the ACC to the High Court for respective years 2010 to date that have resulted in Favor of the ACC Where the ACC has been Awarded Court Costs to be Paid by Claimant

On 27 June 2024, in accordance with section 18B of the Act, we asked if you would agree to amend the timeframe of your request to the past 5 years. We advised that reducing the timeframe of your request as such would remove the reason to refuse your request under section 18(f). On 1 July 2024, you responded with the following:

1/I agree to the Five-year disclosure only if the ACC states they do not pro-actively keep such records independent of the Claimant's files

2/ I agree to the Five-year disclosure only if the ACC states they do not pro-actively keep such records for the Corporations future reference in any other Form/Policy

## Our response

Thank you for your response, however, we don't consider your request that ACC makes particular statements is reasonable. Given this, we have taken your response to mean that you are declining to amend your request.

Noting this, we are refusing your request as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation and research. This decision is made under section 18(f) of the Act. In doing so, we considered extending our timeframe to respond and charging (as allowed under the Act). However, we have determined that neither of these options would enable us to grant your request due to the impact on ACC's operations.

If you would like to make a new request for the past 5 years of information, we would be happy to consider this.

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

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

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