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Kia ora Ian

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-037385

Thank you for your email of 3 January 2025, requesting information about road cycling injury claims under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please find our responses to each of your questions below.

Our response

According to this press article <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/rotorua-daily-post/news/acc-pays-165m-for-bay-of-plenty-road-cycling-mountain-biking-swimming-surfing-claims/I7PJNATQBHYTDOPT4SYBFAVVI/>

It is stated that in the year 2023 there were 2706 ACC claims for 'road cycling' - this would suggest that every day at least 6 claims are made in relation to an accident involving a road cyclist; in comparison the article states there were 596 for mountain biking.

*Please can you provide some detail as to how the figure of 2706 was calculated?
Is this based on entries as per the ACC claim forms?*

The 2706 figure for Bay of Plenty was taken from road cycling claims information which we produced in November 2024. Please find a copy of this information attached (Appendix 1).

The information provided was derived from claim lodgement forms. The details of how the specific claims were identified is provided in the Appendix 1 notes.

How many of these were actually involving 'road cyclists' as opposed to say, children falling off a bicycle in a playground?

As mentioned in the notes tab in Appendix 1, the claims identified for that request were based on specific information which is captured at claim lodgement. In collating that information we did not review each claim individually to identify the specific circumstances of the accident. Specific detail for each claim, to the level of children falling off a bicycle at a playground or similar, would require a manual review of claims.

Furthermore, there is a free-text field on the ACC45 claim lodgement form where a person can provide a brief description of how their accident happened. This field is not mandatory to complete and not every client does so.

As such, we are refusing to provide this information as it would require substantial collation and research. This decision has been 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, it was



determined that the resources required to extract the data would have a significant impact on the everyday functions of the team(s) involved.

Instead, we have extracted further breakdowns related to the 2706 claims in 2023 for the Bay of Plenty region, including accident scene and age. This may provide more insight into the circumstances of the claims. Please see Tables 1 and 2 of Appendix 2.

How many of these were as a result of a motor vehicle striking a road cyclist?

We have extracted claims for road cyclists where there was a collision with a motor vehicle. Please see Tables 3 and 4 within Appendix 2. We have provided claims for both all of New Zealand, and Bay of Plenty, and claims from 2019 to 2024. Please refer to the notes tab when interpreting the data.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public

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