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Tēnā koe Simon

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-005541

Thank you for your request of 30 June 2020, asking for the following information, in relation to your previous request (GOV-005118), under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could you please expand the two injury types 'infection' and 'adverse reaction' and give more specific information regarding what types of infections and what types of adverse reactions?

I would like specific information (including severity as defined by ACC) for each of the accepted claims under the infection (632) and adverse reaction (468) categories.

Could you please also provide the exact number of accepted cases in which vaccinations have caused death in the last fifteen years?

Vaccine Treatment Injury data

Tables containing the data you have requested are provided below. We performed a new data extraction to retrieve this information on 28 June 2020. Some information is different to that in the original data set, as it includes more recent results.

Table 1: Number of accepted vaccination related Treatment Injury claims classified as 'infection' between 1 July 2005 and 31 May 2020, broken down by infection category.

Infection category	Accepted claims
Abscess	48
Cellulitis	420
Haematoma - Infected	9
Wound Infection	88
Infection – Not Specified	67
Total	632

Table 2: Number of accepted vaccination related Treatment Injury claims classified as 'adverse reaction' between 1 July 2005 and 31 May 2020, broken down by adverse reaction category.

Adverse Reaction Category	Accepted Claims
Adverse Reactions including Allergy	411
Anaphylactic Reaction	59
Total	470

Notes about the data

Please consider the following when interpreting the data we have provided:

- Claims are represented by financial year, this being from 1 July to 30 June;
- The 2019/20 financial year is ongoing and includes data to 31 May 2020;
- Claim decisions are based on the year the decision was made, which could be in a later year to when the accident occurred;
- The data was extracted on 28 June 2020 and may differ if re-run at a later date.

Severity of injuries

ACC has accepted fewer than four cases where a vaccination led to death. ACC does not know the total number of vaccinations delivered but this represents a fatality rate of under 0.3% of accepted claims or 0.15% of decided claims.

ACC takes privacy seriously

ACC does not routinely disclose low value numbers related to claims. Accordingly, we have only indicated that the above value is fewer than four. Withholding in this way is necessary to protect the privacy of these individuals under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In doing so, we have considered the public interest in making the information available and have determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect the privacy of these persons.

How you can reach us

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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