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Tēnā koe Kayla

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-001373

Thank you for your request of 30 August 2019, asking for the following information about vaccine injuries, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *the total number of claims both declined and accepted by ACC since ACC was established, as well as the total moneys paid out to successful claimants.*

Information about treatment injury data

ACC classifies claims for injuries resulting from vaccines as treatment injury claims. ACC's treatment injury data is available from 1 July 2005, when treatment injury provisions came into law, so the following data is provided from this date.

Further information on treatment injuries can be found on our website at:
www.acc.co.nz/treatmentsafetypublication.

Claim lodgement rates are dependent on several factors. They can be influenced by:

- population demography i.e. the characteristics of the resident population, visitors and referred patients
- health status of the population treated
- what level of facility the organisation provides i.e. tertiary versus secondary
- familiarity of health providers or clients in recognising and/or lodging treatment injury claims.

Therefore, claims lodged with ACC cannot be taken as an accurate indication of the occurrence of all treatment injuries or the quality of care.

Vaccine treatment injury data

A table containing the number of accepted and declined vaccine related treatment injury claims, and the associated costs of these claims, is included at the end of this letter.

Please note that ACC is unable to confirm, without reading through individual claim files, whether the treatment injury was related to the administration of the vaccine or a specific component of the vaccine.

The accepted claims related to vaccinations are associated with different injury groups; the most common accepted injury group is infections. The infection injury group accounts for 47% of the accepted claims. It is also worth noting that serious or fatal treatment injuries as a result of vaccinations are vanishingly rare; accounting for fewer than 0.2% of claims made in the 10-year period you mention.

The data has been extracted for claims where a cover decision for treatment injury has been made, between 1 July 2005 and 11 September 2019.

The data is collated by financial year, where a financial year is from 1 July to 30 June. For the 2019/2020 financial year, the figures include data as at 11 September 2019.

Costs are exclusive of GST and do not include any costs covered by emergency treatment at public hospitals. Treatment provided by Public Health Acute Services is bulk funded and costs are not allocated to individual claims.

Data was extracted on 11 September 2019 and may differ if re-run at a later date.

Financial year	Accepted claims	Declined claims	Cost \$ (excl GST)
1 July 2005 - 30 June 2006	77	87	14,865
1 July 2006 - 30 June 2007	60	81	45,048
1 July 2007 - 30 June 2008	78	73	98,812
1 July 2008 - 30 June 2009	75	79	134,837
1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010	90	111	60,292
1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011	77	91	38,098
1 July 2011 - 30 June 2012	97	68	50,552
1 July 2012 - 30 June 2013	121	92	32,175
1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014	106	85	26,982
1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015	122	103	126,765
1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016	108	105	184,561
1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017	140	117	206,937
1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018	108	120	325,221
1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019	118	129	232,780
1 July 2019 - 11 September 2019	22*	32*	63,031*
Total	1,399	1,373	1,640,956

*Data as at 11 September 2019.

How you can reach us

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

Nāku iti noa, nā

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