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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-014807

Thank you for your email of 20 October 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on the data.govt.nz website:

I would like to know 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.- updated from 2019 response GOV-001373.

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 treatment injury data provided was extracted on 2 November 2021 and includes claims decided between 1 July 2005 and 1 November 2021.

The number of treatment injury claims decided by financial year is shown in the table split between accepted and declined claims.

The data has been extracted for claims where a cover decision for treatment injury has been made, between 1 July 2005 and 1 November 2021. The data is collated by financial year, where a financial year is from 1 July to 30 June. For the 2021/2022 financial year, the figures include data as at 1 November 2021.

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 2 November 2021 and may differ if re-run at a later date.

Table 1: Accepted and decline vaccination claims and associated payment costs from 1 July 2005 to 1 November 2021

Financial Year	Accepted	Declined	Amount Paid
2005/06	77	87	\$14,865
2006/07	60	81	\$45,048
2007/08	78	72	\$98,812
2008/09	74	79	\$133,995
2009/10	90	111	\$56,465
2010/11	77	91	\$34,999
2011/12	98	68	\$23,474
2012/13	122	91	\$30,264
2013/14	107	85	\$26,586
2014/15	121	103	\$75,916
2015/16	110	105	\$184,665
2016/17	141	117	\$206,897
2017/18	106	120	\$194,143
2018/19	118	129	\$143,649
2019/20	133	113	\$303,405
2020/21	104	88	\$235,129
2021/22 ¹	171	112	\$154,896
Total	1,787	1,652	\$1,963,208

**Partial year 1 July 2021 to 1 November 2021.*

COVID-19 vaccine injuries

Up-to-date data on the number of adverse effects reported from the COVID-19 vaccine can be found on the MedSafe website, [here](#).

How to get in contact

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.

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