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Tēnā koe

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-016605**

Thank you for your email of 4 February 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*The number of new and the number of accepted treatment injury claims involving missed diagnosis, delayed diagnosis, and misdiagnosis of cancer for each of the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 inclusive.*

*Please show for each claim the District Health Board involved, the site of cancer involved (e.g. breast, lung, colon, etc), and the age of the claimant at the time of the treatment injury. Excel or .csv format preferred.*

**Treatment Injury claims for cancer diagnosis**

The information you have requested is provided in tables in the attached Excel file. Please also read the notes section in the file, which provides background and contextual information.

**Privacy**

Please note that in the tables provided, we have used the value '<4' if the number of claims is between 1 and 3. We have also suppressed some values so small numbers cannot be calculated from totals. In addition to this, we have not provided a year by year breakdown of cancer treatment injuries by DHB. In the majority of cases, the number per DHB per year is less than four.

We have taken these measures to ensure that individuals cannot be inadvertently identified from statistical information we release. This decision is made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. We considered the public interest in the information withheld and are of the view it does not outweigh the interests being protected.

**How to get in touch**

If you have any questions, you can email me at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz).

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, ACC has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on ACC's website. The released response will be made available at <https://www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12>.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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