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Tēnā koe Jan

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-000302

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2019, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please advise the number of covered work related claims for chemical toxicity particularly in those claimants using spray paints for the painting of aircraft and other large machines

We request these for the period from 2010 up until the present date

Our response: information on chemical-related injury claims is attached

We have interpreted the term 'chemical toxicity' as referring to any injury caused by exposure to or contact with chemicals. Please find the number of accepted claims for these types of injury in the attached appendix.

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide you with the number of these claims caused by '...using spray paints for the painting of aircraft and other large machines'. Information to this level of detail could only be determined by a manual search through information held on thousands of individual claim files. Given this, we are refusing this part of your request on the grounds that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. This decision is made under section 18(f) of the Act.

Privacy

ACC does not routinely disclose client or claim figures below four. Accordingly, we have used the value <4 where the actual count is between one and three. This measure has been taken to ensure that individual claims cannot be identified in the statistical information we release. This decision is made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. We consider that the public interest in the specific figures does not outweigh the individual privacy interests.

Queries regarding the information provided

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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