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Tēnā koe Karl

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-001619

Thank you for your request of 11 September 2019, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *I would like to request the number of WSI indicators placed on files for years 2014/18 & 2018/19 (please provide Inactive & Active indicators separately)*
2. *Also request separation between Active and Inactive Indicators that were provided to my OIA request 11 October 2017, ACC ref: 0050809.*

ACC does not use specific diagnostic codes for intentional self-inflicted harm

As you are aware, ACC does use the international codes that refer to intentional self-inflicted harm. However, ACC does use a specific indicator on claims, if a claim is believed to have been self-inflicted, which is titled a wilful self-inflicted (WSI) indicator.

Notes about the data provided

- The data has been extracted for *confirmed* and *inactive* claims where the WSI indicator was recorded.
- Claims with a *Confirmed* WSI indicator are eligible for treatment costs only. Claims with an *Inactive* WSI indicator are claims where the client or their estate are eligible for entitlements.
- The claim was lodged between 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2019.
- The data was extracted on 30 September 2019 and may differ if re-run at a later date.

The data provided and its limitations

The data provided shows the number of *confirmed* and *inactive* claims where the indicator was recorded, for each financial year between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2019.

Financial Year	Confirmed	Inactive
2013/14	94	63
2014/15	71	73
2015/16	103	66
2016/17	85	62
2017/18*	347	77
2018/19	80	65

*The WSI indicator is determined by the information a staff member inputs in the claim file. It is possible that ACC staff who are not responsible for determining if the WSI is applicable may have incorrectly recorded the WSI as *Confirmed*. When preparing this response, we noticed a spike in the 2017/2018 figures and on review have identified instances where the indicator was applied incorrectly. Therefore, although indicative of the numbers of *Confirmed* WSI, the data should not be considered a definitive number of claims where there is a *Confirmed* WSI. If the *Confirmed* WSI was incorrectly applied, it does not have any impact on the specific claim as the whole claim is considered to determine entitlements.

ACC is happy to answer your questions

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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