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Dear Ms Barker

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 23 September 2013. You asked for the number of claimants who have applied for ACC cover, due to statin related (treatment) injury or death.

ACC is pleased to provide this information to you under the Official Information Act 1982.

Information collected by ACC relates to antilipaemics and is specifically associated with simvastatin. This is because simvastatin is the only antilipaemic listed in ACC's data collection fields. As there may be claims related to other antilipaemics, it is not possible to extract data specific to statin related claims.

However, since July 2005, ACC has reached decisions on 66 claims related to antilipaemic medication (simvastatin only). Examples of injuries that have been caused by antilipaemic medication include allergic reaction, muscle damage and renal failure.

ACC has accepted 40 claims for cover under the category antilipaemics in this period.

Yours sincerely



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