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Tēnā koe Jan

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-004268

Thank you for your request of 16 March 2020, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

We seek information on the number of covered work related gradual process injury claims for osteoarthritis as a degenerative condition caused by truck drivers (delivery) in the time period between 2010 and 2019

Cover for work-related gradual process injuries is determined by ACC's legislation

As you are aware, ACC provides cover for work-related gradual process, disease and infection (WRGPDI) in accordance with section 30 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001.

Notes about the data provided

The data has been extracted for accepted WRGPDI claims lodged with ACC between 1 January 2010 and 25 March 2020, where the industry the client worked in was recorded as *Road freight transport*, and the claim included a read code or ICD9/ICD10 code that contained the word *osteoarthritis*.

Notes about the data in general:

- A calendar year is 1 January to 31 December.
- Accredited employer claims have been included.
- The data was extracted on 25 March 2020 and may differ if extracted at a later date.

Number of WRGPDI claims for osteoarthritis in truck drivers

ACC has identified fewer than four WRGPDI claims for osteoarthritis in truck drivers, between the 2010 and 2020 calendar year to date (21 March 2020). None of these claims were for osteoarthritis of the knee.

ACC takes privacy seriously

ACC does not routinely release low value numbers. Accordingly, we are only able to advise that the number of claims was fewer than four. This limits the potential for particular individuals or matters specific to certain individuals from being identified. Withholding in this way is necessary to protect the privacy of individuals under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In doing so, we considered the public interest in making the information available and determined that it did not outweigh the need to protect the individuals' privacy.

How to contact us

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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