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Tēnā koe Ben

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-005686

Thank you for your email of 8 July 2020, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

If you have the data available, I would like to see a ranked list of foods based on the number of choking deaths they've caused in the past 10 years.

We are unable to provide this information

ACC does not collect information to the level of detail that you have requested. The data set available to ACC is reliant on the information provided on an ACC45 injury claim form, which is completed when a person seeks treatment for their injury. There are multiple fields on the ACC45 form, some fields are mandatory to complete, and others are not.

There is a free-text field 'accident description' on the form where a person can provide a brief description of how their accident happened. This is where any specific information about a choking accident would be recorded. This field is not mandatory to complete and not every client does so. Also, when the field is completed there is considerable variation in the way accidents are described.

As such, we are refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by ACC.

How to get in touch

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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