

21 January 2015

Shane Le Brun
Email to fyi-request-2393-f73c42ec@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Le Brun

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your emails of 13 January 2015 requesting the following information:

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) (fyi-request-2393-f73c42ec@requests.fyi.org.nz)

1. Since 2004 how many claims have been accepted for cover and treatment of CRPS following an injury?
2. Since 2004 how many claims have been declined for cover and treatment of CRPS following an injury?
3. Since 2004 how many of the accepted claims for CRPS no longer receive weekly loss of earnings payments?
4. Of those who had accepted CRPS claims, how many are receiving partial earning related compensation payments because they are working part-time?
5. Of those who have had a stop to their weekly loss of earnings entitlements, how many had their payments stopped because they could successfully work for the ACC threshold of vocational rehabilitation at the time of the decision, which under current legislation is 30 hours (but was historically 35 hours)?
6. Of those whose CRPS claim has been accepted but are no longer receiving weekly compensation, what was the average length of time the claimants were receiving weekly compensation?

Sativex prescriptions (fyi-request-2389-1d03cd90@requests.fyi.org.nz)

7. How many applications have been made to ACC since 2008 for Sativex to be prescribed?
8. How many of these applications have been approved?
9. How many patients are funded long-term or for the foreseeable future?
10. What is the average annual cost of Sativex prescriptions for those patients on long term prescriptions?
11. What are the conditions ACC has funded Sativex for?

ACC is combining these two requests as the information sought is related. We are working on your request and will be in touch with you as soon as possible, and certainly by 13 February 2015.

If you have any questions I will be happy to work with you to resolve these. I can be contacted via email at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

Yours sincerely



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