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Dear Ms Barker

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 31 January 2015. You sought the number of claimants who have applied for ACC cover due to statin related (treatment) injury or death, and the number of accepted claims.

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

The data provided is for the period between 1 July 2005 and 14 February 2015 and includes the number of total claims ACC has made a decision on and accepted related to antilipaemic medication. Please note that:

- Statin related treatment injuries are recorded under the medication type of antilipaemic. *Simvastatin* is the only antilipaemic medication specifically listed in our data collection. Claims related to other antilipaemic medicines cannot be easily identified.
- Data capture occurs at the time a decision is issued to a client, so there may be claims related to antilipaemic medication awaiting a cover decision that are not captured in this data.

ACC has decided 69 claims related to antilipaemic medication (simvastatin only) since 1 July 2005. Of the 69 decided claims, 41 claims (59%) have been accepted. Examples of injuries that have been caused by antilipaemic medication include myopathy, muscle damage, allergic reaction, and renal failure.

If you have any questions about the information provided, please send them to Government Services at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

Yours sincerely

Government Services