

17 June 2016

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Dear Sloane Bailey

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 19 May, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*'...information regarding the recorded diving incidents over the last twenty years, e.g. dates and the nature of incidents to ascertain the dive safety record of the aquaculture sector.'*

#### Response

##### Claims data

Our claims data is derived from information provided in claim lodgement forms, which are completed by treatment providers. These applications have mandatory and non-mandatory fields.

Through these forms, ACC collects data on injuries in specific sports, including underwater diving. Treatment Providers would not generally complete the sports-related section if underwater diving is work-related rather than recreational. Accordingly, ACC's data systems do not have robust information on diving-related injuries in the work environment.

Unfortunately, providing information specific to diving-related injuries in the aquaculture sector would require a very extensive manual search through all individual claim files relating to that sector. Due to this, ACC declines your request on the grounds of substantial collation under section 18(f) of the Act. However, in the hope that it might assist, we are able to provide the following information which may be relevant to your request.

##### Injury claims in the Aquaculture sector

Please find attached information on all injury claims in the Aquaculture sector from 2010 to 2015. These include both diving and non-diving injuries. This information provides the number of claims by: accident cause, injury site, and diagnosis. The information is also provided by the two ACC classifications relating to the aquaculture sector, which are *onshore aquaculture* and *offshore aquaculture*.

I note your request asks for information over the last 20 years. Owing to changes in our data systems and also the way we have collected information over that 20 year period there is a considerable degree of variance in the accuracy and integrity of the available data. For that reason we have limited the data we are providing to the period between 2010 and 2015. The data from that time has been gathered in a consistent manner using the same system, and is the most reliable data we have available.

**ACC is happy to answer your questions**

If you have any questions about the information provided, I will be happy to work with you to resolve these. I can be contacted via email at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz).

You also have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman. You can call them on 0800 802 602, 9am to 5pm weekdays, or write to: The Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10 152, WELLINGTON 6143.

Yours sincerely

**Government Services**  
**ACC**

Encl: *Injury claims in Aquaculture*