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Mr Tom Williams
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Dear Mr Williams

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your request of 30 September 2016, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

The number of claims from crashes between mountain bikers and walkers on off road trails, broken down by region and which party sustained the injury.

Unfortunately, ACC cannot provide you data about injury claims from accidents between mountain bikers and walkers on off-road trails. The reasons for this are described in the following section. However, we have provided some mountain bike related claim data that may be of interest to you.

Information requested is not held

The information recorded in our system is not to the level of detail that would enable us to report separately on claims for mountain biking related injuries that occurred on off-road trails and those that occurred in others situations that were not on public roads.

For the above reasons ACC cannot provide the data you requested, ie the information is not held. This decision complies with section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

Information on claims involving mountain biking

As a 'no fault' scheme ACC relies on the information recorded by the claimant at the time of the accident. If information that a mountain bike was involved in an accident is included on the claim form, this is recorded as 'Sport - mountain biking' in our system.

Therefore ACC can provide you some data about mountain biking related claims. However, please note that the data provided below is indicative rather than definitive for the following reasons.

- The level of detail provided to ACC about claims involving mountain biking can vary greatly and there are likely to be some accidents involving mountain biking that were not captured as such. For example, if someone describes the cause of their mountain biking related injury as only 'I fell off my bike at the park' it won't be recorded under the mountain biking classification in our system.
- Whether another rider or a walker was involved in an accident may not always be recorded on the claim form. For example, of the new mountain biking related claims in 2015/16 (over 7,700) only seven record that a person other than the cyclist was involved.

Please read the Notes section below the tables on the next page when considering the data we have provided.

Number of new 'mountain biking' claims in 2015/16

Region	Number of claims
Canterbury	1,437
Bay of Plenty	1,184
Otago	1,092
Wellington	856
Auckland	831
Waikato	659
Nelson	405
Hawkes Bay	252
Manawatu-Wanganui	245
Tasman	204
Marlborough	128
Taranaki	127
West Coast	83
Southland	82
Northland	62
Gisborne	27
Unknown	57
Total	7,731

Number of new 'mountain biking' claims where another cyclist was involved, 2015/16

Region	Number of claims
Bay of Plenty	227
Canterbury	161
Auckland	139
Otago	119
Wellington	113
Waikato	107
Nelson	70
Manawatu-Wanganui	42
Hawkes Bay	35
Tasman	28
Taranaki	24
Marlborough	20
Northland	12
Southland	9
West Coast	8
Other	12
All	1,126

Notes about the data in the tables

The data is accurate as at 1 October 2016, and is for the financial year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

The claims have been counted by the region the injury occurred in, rather than where the claimant lives.

The claims were lodged with ACC during the 2015/16 financial year rather than when the injury occurred. The date a claim is lodged may be immediately after the injury happened or at any later time.

Questions or queries

If you have any questions about the information provided, ACC will be happy to work with you to answer these. You can contact us at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz or by writing to *Government Services, PO Box 242, Wellington 6140*.

You have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman about our response. You can call them on 0800 802 602 between 9am and 5pm on weekdays, or write to *The Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143*.

Yours sincerely

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