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Dear Mr Beleski

Official Information Act Request

This letter provides a response to your Official Information request originally made to Sport New Zealand but subsequently transferred by them to ACC, as we hold the information you have requested.

Your request

You asked for the following information:

Breakdown of ACC claims from sporting injuries in the last five years, broken down in specific sports.

Limitations on the data ACC can provide

The data ACC collects about accidents, and the individuals injured in them, is reliant on the information clients provide when they lodge a claim with ACC by completing an ACC45 claim form.

There are a variety of fields that can be completed when filling out the claim form, but only some are mandatory. For example, it is mandatory for a client to indicate the date the accident occurred, the client's current address details and whether the accident occurred at work. There is also a free text field, where clients are able to provide a brief description of how their accident happened. It is not mandatory to complete this field and not every claimant does so.

The reason ACC does not require this information from clients is because the ACC Scheme operates on a no fault basis. Cover is available by virtue of a person having suffered a personal injury, and is not determined by how that accident occurred. Thus, while there is an inherent value in understanding how and why injuries occur, ACC cannot request this information for the purpose of processing claims under the Accident Compensation Act 2001.

It is important to note that even where clients offer a more detailed description of how their injury occurred, the nature and quality of the information provided varies considerably. Such inconsistency can make it difficult to search for a particular item or issue with any degree of accuracy.

Nonetheless, an analyst can perform an electronic free text search by applying a filter to ACC's electronic data records. In doing so, they can look for a specific word or key words. A significant limitation on searching free text is that ACC is not able to identify what proportion of data is missing as a result of clients who have chosen to leave the free text field blank, or who have not used the specific words applied by the analyst for the search.

Because of the limitations explained above, while largely representative of the claims received by ACC, the data provided to you in this response should not be considered a completely definitive measure of the claims ACC received in the relevant period in relation to sporting injuries.

Our response

The information is provided in the attached table.

Queries or concerns

If you have any questions about the information provided, we will be happy to work with you to answer these. Please address any concerns by emailing GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz or in writing to *Government Services, PO Box 242, Wellington 6140*.

You have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman about our decision. 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

Government Services

Accepted sports claims by year of claim registration and sport

Sport	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
ATV	75	55	64	150	156
Aerobics	1,359	1,326	1,162	1,219	931
Athletics	4,473	4,940	4,719	5,043	5,174
Badminton	2,652	2,931	3,176	3,197	3,372
Basketball	12,913	15,407	16,204	17,111	19,197
Boating	3,025	3,310	3,246	3,659	3,674
Bowls	1,105	1,265	1,276	1,348	1,306
Boxing	3,040	3,470	3,897	4,220	4,367
Bungee Jumping	80	67	57	57	53
Cycling	19,738	21,528	21,627	23,917	25,919
Dancing	6,901	7,856	8,216	8,787	8,991
Fishing	2,701	3,009	2,997	3,115	3,018
Fitness Training / Gym	20,573	31,776	38,733	45,541	51,300
Golf	5,675	6,483	6,663	6,597	6,743
Gymnastics	3,373	4,104	4,091	4,326	4,827
Hang-gliding	39	26	39	46	43
Hockey	10,373	11,881	12,337	12,585	12,511
Horse Riding	6,666	7,942	7,802	8,285	8,141
Hunting	1,234	1,302	1,373	1,575	1,604
Ice Skating	1,994	1,869	1,587	1,812	1,699
Indoor Cricket	926	875	967	988	1,042
Jogging	13,059	13,964	14,517	16,064	16,003
Kayaking	1,089	1,328	1,339	1,499	1,471
Kick-boxing	1,226	1,467	1,378	1,324	1,241
Luge Riding	308	404	373	353	363
Martial Arts	5,311	5,723	5,758	5,732	5,991
Motor Racing	927	991	1,147	999	1,092
Motorcycling	3,438	3,251	2,722	3,908	4,100
Mountain Biking	4,235	5,523	6,071	6,891	7,566
Mountaineering	146	145	171	180	184

Netball	26,342	30,398	30,655	30,609	29,848
Other	25,555	33,971	34,057	35,787	36,465
Outdoor Cricket	7,271	7,683	7,814	8,494	8,180
Parachute Jumping	92	88	133	118	137
Polo	284	315	296	332	367
Rock Climbing	731	825	970	1,023	1,126
Roller Skating	1,044	1,214	1,144	1,226	1,161
Rollerblading	375	370	337	297	313
Rugby League	14,771	13,698	14,023	14,606	15,243
Rugby Union	59,093	64,283	65,754	63,598	62,327
Scooter	7,581	7,775	6,477	6,082	7,226
Skateboarding	8,344	7,914	7,795	7,670	8,139
Skiing - Snow	7,707	7,510	7,607	8,667	8,079
Snowboarding	5,440	5,251	5,898	6,074	5,459
Soccer	35,355	38,489	42,872	43,186	43,657
Softball, Baseball	2,453	2,698	2,652	2,662	2,527
Squash	4,225	4,494	4,420	4,412	4,371
Surfing	3,414	4,333	4,467	4,874	5,586
Swimming	2,982	3,649	3,163	3,805	4,276
Swimming - Beach	705	1,193	1,091	1,630	1,594
Swimming - Lake	95	132	96	165	171
Swimming - Pool	3,009	4,030	3,890	4,201	4,531
Swimming - River	172	305	176	345	316
Tennis	7,008	7,720	7,850	7,715	7,419
Touch Rugby	12,997	13,692	13,398	13,498	12,117
Trail Biking, Motocross	3,472	3,289	3,293	3,383	3,401
Tramping	3,664	3,820	4,411	4,767	5,620
Underwater Diving	557	691	534	577	580
Volleyball	3,628	4,071	4,219	4,577	4,570
Waterskiing	1,616	2,186	1,724	2,208	2,175
Weightlifting	8,525	10,104	10,282	10,567	10,193
Windsurfing	210	223	214	195	238
All	397,371	450,632	465,421	487,878	499,491