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Dear Ms MacPherson

Ref: 0052497

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 2 August 2018 asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Statistical information on the number of workers employed as shunters or loose shunters with the NZ Railways who have suffered thoracic injuries since 1986.*

#### Our response

NZ Railways, also known as KiwiRail, has been part of ACC's Accredited Employer Programme since 2006 and they manage their own work-related claims. Accredited employers do report their data to ACC, however, it must be noted that the level of detail ACC receives is dependent on what the employers report. Prior to 2006 NZ Railway claims were managed by ACC.

Unfortunately, ACC is unable to provide you with data to the level of detail you require. ACC does not have a specific occupation code that identifies claims relating to 'railway shunters or loose shunters'. It is our understanding that this occupation is captured under a broader code for 'Packers and Freight Handlers'.

We are not able to accurately distinguish all of the specific roles within this broader occupation code to determine if any claims relate to shunters (or loose shunters), therefore we must decline your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist or cannot be located.

You may wish to consider contacting KiwiRail directly to ask for the same information.

#### Queries or concerns

If you have any questions or concerns about ACC's response, please email us at [GES@acc.co.nz](mailto:GES@acc.co.nz).

You also have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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