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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-018535

Thank you for your email of 30 May 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

We are wanting to update some statistics below that we have when giving advice on ACC CoverPlus Extra. The Statistics on the ACC site don't give what we need, and we were wondering if we can updated figures for the below?

In 2015/2016 there were a total of 58,565 new claims in the Trades, Agricultural and forestry classifications and only 0.61% of the claims were for greater than a one-year period. Of these claims 96% compensation finished before 13 weeks.

Our response

For the period 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2022, there were 150,300 new claims registered for the Agriculture, Forestry and Trades industries. There were 23,487 claims that received their latest recent weekly compensation payment within this period. Of those claims, 69% returned to work within 13 weeks, and 7% were receiving weekly compensation for longer than a year.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for a breakdown of this data and the relevant notes.

If you're concerned about this response, please get in touch

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you can also contact the Ombudsman via info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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Description:

Figures for the past two years on new claims in the trades, agricultural and forestry classifications.

The percent of those claims that lasted over one year.

The percentage of those claims that finished before 13 weeks.

Response:

The data have been extracted based on the following criteria:

The claim cover decision is equal to 'Accept'.

The industry is equal to 'Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing' or 'Construction'.

The 'at work indicator' is equal to 'Y' / yes, or the fund is in the work account.

Please note that the industry is based on the classification unit of the employer and may not relate directly to the role of an employee.

Caveats:

A financial year is 1 July to 30 June.

Accredited employer claims have been excluded as ACC hold limited data about these.

For table 1, claims were counted if claim registration date is between 1 July 2019 and 31 March 2022.

For table 2, claims were counted if client was receiving weekly compensation and the last day is between 1 July 2019 and 31 March 2022. Claims that have received weekly compensation after 31 March 2022 will not be included in the data in table 2.

Claims receiving weekly compensation may have been registered at any earlier date. Claims may reactivate weekly compensation payments at any later stage. There may be some claims that are still actively receiving weekly compensation, these have not been captured in this data.

Data were extracted on 9 June 2022 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

Table 1: Number of new claims for specific industries registered between 1 July 2019 and 31 March 2022, broken down by Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC).

ANZSIC	Registration Financial Year		
	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022 YTD
A01 Agriculture	15,851	17,172	10,961
A02 Services to Agriculture, Hunting & Trapping	4,261	5,013	3,434
A03 Forestry and Logging	919	1,102	719
A04 Commercial Fishing	494	483	319
E41 General Construction	12,216	14,559	9,551
E42 Construction Trade Services	17,868	21,495	13,883

Table 2: Number of claims for specific industries that exited weekly compensation between 1 July 2019 and 31 March 2022, broken down by the number of weekly compensation days.

Weekly Compensation Days	Last Weekly Compensation Financial Year		
	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022 YTD
Less than 13 weeks	5,514	6,269	4,357
13 weeks to 1 year	1,999	2,118	1,596
Over 1 year	484	626	524