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**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-038798**

Thank you for your email of 16 March 2025, asking for the information on lumbar back pain injuries under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have specifically asked questions relating to the Read Code S572 – Lumbar Sprains and have asked for information to be provided in tables and graphs.

Please find our responses to your questions (1 – 21) below.

**Responses to questions**

1. *A year-by-year breakdown, 2014-2024, on the number of Lumbar Back Pain claims and total cost for different industry sectors.*

This information is provided in the appendix (attached). We refer you to tables 2, 3 and 4.

Please refer to the 'Notes and Caveats' section for details about the data used for this request.

2. *A year-by-year breakdown, 2014-2024, of the number of days individuals were off work due to Lumbar Back Pain, for different industry sectors.*

We refer you to tables 5 and 6 in the appendix.

3. *A year-by-year breakdown, 2014-2024, of the total cost for each industry sector that was paid out to cover wages for the days individuals in each sector were off work.*

We refer you to table 7 in the appendix.

4. *A year-by-year breakdown, 2014-2024, per age group bracket (0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+) and gender, of the number of claims and total cost of Acute (less than 3 months) Lumbar Back Pain and the same information for Chronic (3+ months) Lumbar Back Pain.*

We refer you to tables 8, 9 and 10 in the appendix. Please note that we have provided information by 'less than 90 days' and '90 days or over'. ACC does not categorise lumbar sprain injuries as 'acute' or 'chronic'.

5. *A year-by-year breakdown, 2014-2024, per age group bracket (0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+) and gender of the number of claims and total cost of Chronic (3+ months) Lumbar Back Pain excluding 'Yellow Flag' and 'Red Flag' cases.*

We don't record whether claims are red or yellow flag cases in our searchable data. We could only identify such claims if this was specified in information held within individual claims files, which we could only identify by conducting a manual search. We are therefore refusing this request as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation and research. This decision has been made under section 18(f) of the Act.

We consider that extending the time limit to respond or charging (as allowed under the Act) would not enable us to grant your request due to the impact on our operations.

6. *A year-by-year breakdown, 2014-2024, on the total cost and number of both accepted and declined claims for the following treatment areas:*
7. *Emergency and Non-emergency Transport*
8. *Hospital Treatment - Surgical Treatment*
9. *Income Maintenance - payments including Lump Sums and Independence Allowance*
10. *Medical Treatment - GPs*
11. *Medical Treatment - acupuncturist*
12. *Medical Treatment - chiropractors*
13. *Medical Treatment - osteopaths*
14. *Medical Treatment - physiotherapists*
15. *Medical Treatment - podiatry*
16. *Medical Treatment - radiologists*
17. *Medical Treatment - specialist consultations - Med Fees*
18. *Other - including Dental, Medical and Other Miscellaneous Expenses*
19. *Support for Independence*
20. *Vocational Rehabilitation*
21. *Total for all groups*

We refer you to tables 11 and 12 in the appendix.

**Withheld information**

ACC does not routinely disclose claim counts fewer than four. Accordingly, some entries in the tables provided only indicate that the claims count is fewer than four (denoted as <4). This limits the potential for certain individuals or matters specific to a particular individual from being identified.

Withholding the data in this way is necessary to protect our clients' privacy. This decision has been made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In doing so, we considered the public interest in making the figures available and determined that it did not outweigh the need to protect our clients' privacy.

**As this information may be of interest to other members of the public**

ACC may publish a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available [www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12](http://www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12). Please also view this page about making requests and our published responses <https://www.acc.co.nz/contact/official-information-act-requests>.

**If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch**

You can email me at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz).

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

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Thomas Jackson  
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#### Notes and Caveats:

- All claims and injuries included have been accepted for cover.
- Claims managed by an accredited employer are included.
- Claims receiving weekly compensation are likely to be undercounted, as we can't be sure if claims managed by an accredited employer are receiving weekly compensation.
- Claims are included where at least one injury on the claim is 'S572 - Lumbar sprain'. This isn't necessarily the primary injury on the claim, so some costs included may be related to other injuries on the same claim.
- New claims is the count of claims that were lodged with ACC between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024. The lodgement date may be any date after the accident occurred.
- Active claims is the count of claims for which ACC made a payment between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024. The claim may have been lodged in the specified period or any previous period.
- Costs are the GST exclusive cost of payments made for claims that were active in the specified period.
- Please note that Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) payments cannot be provided. These costs are for treatment of ACC claims in a public hospital in the acute phase for a covered injury.
- Data was extracted on 26 March 2025 and may differ if re-run at a later date.

Table 1: The total number of new claims, active claims and costs (excluding GST) of active claims for Lumbar Sprain related injuries between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024.

Calendar Year	New Claims	Active Claims	Active Costs
2014	227,782	555,546	\$450,734,200
2015	239,648	586,030	\$525,879,134
2016	249,383	613,450	\$569,892,551
2017	252,031	623,158	\$606,096,094
2018	259,057	647,290	\$693,435,752
2019	268,536	675,740	\$755,594,696
2020	257,338	654,758	\$843,096,098
2021	262,474	681,560	\$937,089,529
2022	271,485	687,492	\$1,036,872,771
2023	285,635	725,208	\$1,254,892,117
2024	290,515	752,216	\$1,455,361,202
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,863,884</b>	<b>2,825,582</b>	<b>\$4,564,472,072</b>

- A claim may be active in multiple periods, and will be counted once in each period it is active. The total number is the distinct count of these claims.

Table 2: The number of new claims for Lumbar Sprain related injuries between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024, broken down by accident is at work-related flag and industry.

Accident is Work-Related	Industry	Lodgement Calendar Year										
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Work-Related	Accommodation and Food Services	1,747	1,777	1,874	1,857	1,990	1,950	1,779	1,861	1,864	1,740	1,536
	Administrative and Support Services	1,779	1,782	1,837	1,987	2,081	2,033	1,853	2,008	1,899	1,913	1,781
	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3,680	3,743	3,599	3,638	3,663	3,484	3,801	3,699	3,243	3,075	2,866
	Arts and Recreation Services	895	942	924	955	896	860	778	794	754	861	859
	Construction	5,246	5,589	5,848	6,387	6,425	6,290	6,283	6,593	6,924	6,640	5,994
	Education and Training	1,897	1,967	1,944	2,001	1,860	1,953	1,698	1,686	1,782	1,849	1,929
	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	313	293	314	345	399	648	448	409	405	411	433
	Financial and Insurance Services	264	283	263	259	303	289	203	203	165	176	229
	Health Care and Social Assistance	3,881	4,189	4,021	4,336	4,402	4,611	4,970	5,392	5,170	5,257	4,997
	Information Media and Telecommunications	236	237	208	208	226	266	204	178	195	185	194
	Manufacturing	5,315	5,341	5,294	5,371	5,590	5,904	5,777	6,407	6,160	6,138	5,756
	Mining	88	76	60	90	87	102	89	94	92	80	102
	Other Services	1,107	1,177	1,138	1,173	1,259	1,233	1,171	1,325	1,239	1,208	1,037
	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,159	1,211	1,088	1,129	1,132	1,134	1,182	1,232	1,377	1,315	1,252
	Public Administration and Safety	1,254	1,283	1,413	1,517	1,608	1,734	1,557	1,490	1,428	1,599	1,575
	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	622	632	639	652	779	741	766	726	754	685	681
	Retail Trade	3,012	3,469	3,503	3,501	3,642	3,622	3,609	3,875	3,592	3,451	3,217
	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	2,118	2,270	2,378	2,499	2,878	2,642	2,490	2,363	2,449	2,626	2,363
	Wholesale Trade	1,948	1,995	2,015	1,968	2,259	1,989	1,977	2,111	1,904	1,886	1,879
	Not Elsewhere Included	2,291	2,591	3,241	3,084	3,748	4,239	2,561	2,631	3,589	4,110	4,593
Unknown	602	407	270	400	419	64	29	29	13	43	46	
Non-Work Related	Non-Work Related	188,328	198,394	207,512	208,654	213,401	222,748	214,183	217,368	226,487	240,387	247,196

- Work-Related claims have been identified where the claim is funded from the work account or the accident is at work indicator is set to 'Y'.
- Industry is the classification unit of the employer the claim is attributed to. Note that this is the business activity of the employer.

Table 3: The number of active claims for Lumbar Sprain related injuries between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024, broken down by accident is at work-related flag and industry.

Accident is Work-Related	Industry	Payment Calendar Year										
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Work-Related	Accommodation and Food Services	2,071	2,077	2,175	2,228	2,349	2,323	2,174	2,297	2,262	2,174	1,949
	Administrative and Support Services	1,931	1,944	2,002	2,104	2,273	2,260	2,203	2,361	2,287	2,356	2,172
	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4,660	4,745	4,672	4,665	4,750	4,577	4,896	4,890	4,389	4,153	3,992
	Arts and Recreation Services	1,042	1,086	1,099	1,117	1,042	994	883	963	887	983	1,020
	Construction	6,422	6,798	7,221	7,671	8,064	8,024	8,007	8,584	8,877	8,699	8,207
	Education and Training	2,334	2,416	2,423	2,452	2,358	2,432	2,280	2,283	2,173	2,254	2,426
	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	370	334	359	379	399	399	671	511	462	444	500
	Financial and Insurance Services	232	258	251	245	240	237	218	207	177	170	219
	Health Care and Social Assistance	3,618	3,896	3,887	4,033	4,227	4,405	4,512	5,188	5,177	4,965	4,924
	Information Media and Telecommunications	290	282	252	256	264	301	250	226	241	215	213
	Manufacturing	5,646	5,762	5,833	5,858	6,226	6,570	6,402	7,119	6,980	6,849	6,703
	Mining	109	91	90	101	109	111	111	119	121	115	120
	Other Services	1,372	1,428	1,427	1,445	1,568	1,564	1,498	1,687	1,587	1,579	1,417
	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,206	1,221	1,183	1,168	1,215	1,238	1,180	1,197	1,186	1,140	1,187
	Public Administration and Safety	1,176	1,217	1,233	1,191	1,248	1,373	1,367	1,336	1,239	1,319	1,543
	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	800	788	798	810	916	894	921	913	913	845	817
	Retail Trade	3,548	3,869	3,876	3,770	3,999	3,971	4,001	4,277	4,095	3,975	3,836
	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	2,490	2,554	2,647	2,678	3,039	3,081	2,876	2,882	2,813	3,070	3,095
	Wholesale Trade	2,184	2,325	2,247	2,289	2,471	2,344	2,161	2,411	2,255	2,203	2,335
	Not Elsewhere Included	2,666	2,881	3,542	3,582	4,067	4,932	3,207	3,206	4,043	4,752	5,434
Unknown	803	640	507	568	608	336	205	173	157	166	193	
Non-Work Related	Non-Work Related	232,803	246,403	259,001	262,969	272,223	285,232	277,516	287,999	291,465	310,178	323,806

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- Industry is the classification unit of the employer the claim is attributed to. Note that this is the business activity of the employer.
- Payment date may differ to the date of service.

Table 4: The costs (excluding GST) of active claims for Lumbar Sprain related injuries between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024, broken down by accident is at work-related flag and industry.

Accident is Work-Related	Industry	Payment Calendar Year										
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Work-Related	Accommodation and Food Services	\$2,274,981	\$2,483,822	\$3,066,186	\$2,808,008	\$3,268,893	\$3,732,953	\$4,224,631	\$4,505,227	\$4,959,375	\$6,224,742	\$7,118,308
	Administrative and Support Services	\$2,619,722	\$3,154,171	\$3,601,947	\$3,601,947	\$4,746,883	\$5,240,687	\$5,561,517	\$6,556,765	\$7,650,476	\$9,771,654	\$10,932,593
	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	\$8,028,798	\$9,773,997	\$10,199,676	\$10,115,853	\$12,048,905	\$12,872,942	\$14,729,898	\$16,549,438	\$16,844,609	\$18,102,621	\$20,910,976
	Arts and Recreation Services	\$1,171,771	\$1,448,340	\$1,533,090	\$1,496,676	\$1,466,440	\$1,441,162	\$1,806,634	\$1,916,481	\$2,025,409	\$2,955,110	\$3,503,146
	Construction	\$14,340,815	\$16,033,817	\$19,340,455	\$21,241,346	\$25,043,523	\$26,798,805	\$30,282,119	\$32,916,911	\$37,886,187	\$46,457,293	\$53,473,136
	Education and Training	\$1,882,360	\$2,358,907	\$2,825,945	\$2,461,320	\$2,732,649	\$3,231,058	\$3,170,238	\$3,486,228	\$3,816,580	\$4,708,758	\$6,287,196
	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	\$914,514	\$1,258,378	\$1,280,462	\$1,065,005	\$1,195,389	\$1,334,235	\$1,406,978	\$1,671,512	\$1,954,903	\$2,977,991	\$2,306,706
	Financial and Insurance Services	\$394,216	\$401,237	\$525,470	\$487,263	\$575,005	\$727,284	\$802,144	\$1,134,163	\$1,132,770	\$945,988	\$882,539
	Health Care and Social Assistance	\$5,708,093	\$7,653,211	\$7,690,272	\$9,372,431	\$10,531,546	\$11,884,102	\$13,438,756	\$17,360,573	\$19,919,637	\$23,134,376	\$26,737,336
	Information Media and Telecommunications	\$393,397	\$376,666	\$262,844	\$365,817	\$192,459	\$297,906	\$376,916	\$479,939	\$493,816	\$606,892	\$781,628
	Manufacturing	\$10,615,396	\$12,562,694	\$13,887,685	\$15,327,151	\$17,236,793	\$18,904,521	\$19,781,655	\$23,361,081	\$25,150,679	\$30,056,099	\$36,104,075
	Mining	\$355,630	\$631,727	\$568,983	\$266,986	\$363,684	\$641,185	\$822,324	\$820,498	\$739,596	\$895,892	\$1,244,759
	Other Services	\$2,089,173	\$2,411,361	\$2,487,039	\$2,850,250	\$2,788,748	\$3,698,660	\$4,727,139	\$4,921,423	\$5,571,619	\$6,204,960	\$7,282,287
	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$1,453,690	\$1,753,123	\$1,711,004	\$1,786,911	\$1,839,259	\$1,859,211	\$2,588,439	\$2,563,880	\$2,706,450	\$2,987,762	\$4,052,657
	Public Administration and Safety	\$1,886,570	\$1,922,304	\$1,994,440	\$2,313,174	\$2,707,990	\$2,806,577	\$3,632,274	\$4,659,500	\$4,784,285	\$6,179,414	\$5,828,607
	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	\$1,172,481	\$1,222,818	\$1,511,840	\$1,643,099	\$1,770,125	\$1,885,483	\$2,248,884	\$2,567,016	\$2,483,875	\$4,081,166	\$4,031,019
	Retail Trade	\$4,491,045	\$5,847,731	\$6,414,807	\$5,647,633	\$6,605,985	\$8,149,403	\$9,601,105	\$11,428,508	\$11,395,047	\$14,219,850	\$15,704,011
	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	\$6,707,462	\$7,448,193	\$7,807,258	\$7,743,071	\$10,291,425	\$11,252,763	\$13,050,646	\$14,247,144	\$15,350,681	\$19,225,991	\$21,265,461
	Wholesale Trade	\$3,600,596	\$4,027,529	\$4,995,956	\$5,252,648	\$5,651,857	\$7,046,902	\$7,970,948	\$7,506,005	\$10,305,876	\$11,169,034	\$11,169,034
	Not Elsewhere Included	\$2,214,075	\$2,236,311	\$3,680,029	\$3,658,871	\$3,609,571	\$4,327,751	\$3,519,119	\$3,888,853	\$4,556,403	\$6,480,690	\$10,766,328
Unknown	\$4,543,998	\$4,946,257	\$3,913,860	\$3,916,792	\$4,187,703	\$3,861,367	\$3,115,081	\$2,956,542	\$3,014,648	\$3,341,745	\$5,255,049	
Non-Work Related	Non-Work Related	\$148,407,738	\$170,986,972	\$185,841,936	\$200,190,356	\$228,262,252	\$247,197,636	\$275,614,261	\$302,572,135	\$338,493,334	\$407,583,189	\$472,043,759

- Work-Related claims have been identified where the claim is funded from the work account or the accident is at work indicator is set to "Y".
- Industry is the classification unit of the employer the claim is attributed to. Note that this is the business activity of the employer.
- Payment date may differ to the date of service.

Table 5: The number of new claims which receives weekly compensation for Lumbar Sprain related injuries between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024, broken down by accident is at work-related flag and industry.

Accident is Work-Related	Industry	Lodgement Calendar Year										
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Work-Related	Accommodation and Food Services	141	149	188	192	212	225	196	233	256	292	284
	Administrative and Support Services	174	143	182	223	236	241	230	348	363	372	336
	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	329	333	352	391	370	411	412	491	452	456	452
	Arts and Recreation Services	45	64	64	59	38	83	54	63	55	58	78
	Construction	652	733	809	973	909	1,042	995	1,186	1,306	1,407	1,380
	Education and Training	93	121	103	121	133	144	132	165	159	173	196
	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	32	40	28	29	48	47	49	48	49	66	70
	Financial and Insurance Services	7	10	9	7	5	14	14	12	8	10	14
	Health Care and Social Assistance	290	313	358	371	403	382	417	485	487	501	455
	Information Media and Telecommunications	8	8	7	8	8	19	7	14	13	13	24
	Manufacturing	488	541	583	554	654	720	654	803	845	870	859
	Mining	9	9	7	13	16	20	21	19	15	19	21
	Other Services	76	79	99	119	105	154	139	165	173	171	184
	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	54	67	52	57	69	55	63	87	104	106	123
	Public Administration and Safety	28	34	38	51	57	68	48	75	66	69	95
	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	49	46	63	78	91	81	81	83	93	95	98
	Retail Trade	221	313	296	305	341	400	410	465	406	498	453
	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	242	259	319	337	393	384	374	407	453	503	494

Wholesale Trade	159	156	172	200	202	227	235	259	257	290	271	
Not Elsewhere Included	15	24	56	68	86	81	30	43	182	245	480	
Unknown	47	43	69	70	98	11	6	7	<4	33	29	
Non-Work Related	Non-Work Related	4,066	4,464	5,000	5,193	5,628	5,864	6,515	7,285	7,729	8,856	9,319

- Work-Related claims have been identified where the claim is funded from the work account or the accident is at work indicator is set to 'Y'.
- Industry is the classification unit of the employer the claim is attributed to. Note that this is the business activity of the employer.

Table 6: The average number of weekly compensation days received to date for claims with Lumbar Sprain related injuries lodged between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024, broken down by accident is at work-related flag and industry.

Accident is Work-Related	Industry	Lodgement Calendar Year										
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Work-Related	Accommodation and Food Services	148	144	62	131	137	140	125	112	109	93	65
	Administrative and Support Services	170	116	119	104	165	134	101	116	116	74	71
	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	193	184	172	173	169	199	169	137	128	121	91
	Arts and Recreation Services	154	88	96	118	174	128	134	121	151	111	76
	Construction	151	212	178	134	140	148	163	120	129	115	80
	Education and Training	69	102	134	83	108	120	86	80	115	130	77
	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	265	178	117	69	188	86	114	152	126	94	72
	Financial and Insurance Services	379	102	42	667	546	199	286	264	262	64	72
	Health Care and Social Assistance	181	214	130	105	125	137	145	135	109	111	74
	Information Media and Telecommunications	91	107	193	43	43	169	55	210	124	89	76
	Manufacturing	152	163	166	153	132	128	140	116	121	114	77
	Mining	109	211	336	55	228	153	176	212	85	174	94
	Other Services	100	162	117	158	179	165	170	177	148	124	84
	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	153	168	84	79	107	155	148	133	120	110	85
	Public Administration and Safety	225	88	110	185	130	97	169	134	114	135	71
	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	68	358	121	120	92	185	151	129	128	150	73
	Retail Trade	160	136	138	96	158	139	120	102	127	108	70
	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	174	93	130	161	151	152	177	134	139	128	74
	Wholesale Trade	152	139	163	138	132	165	163	104	124	128	71
	Not Elsewhere Included	415	124	189	197	137	111	194	215	81	104	75
Unknown	87	119	158	157	157	217	63	72	582	127	68	
Non-Work Related	Non-Work Related	151	147	147	138	141	142	147	137	128	121	79

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- Industry is the classification unit of the employer the claim is attributed to. Note that this is the business activity of the employer.
- Weekly compensation days are the total weekly compensation days to date for claims that were lodged in the specified period. Recent periods are likely to be lower than previous periods, as claims lodged in previous years may have been active for longer and therefore had more time to accumulate weekly compensation.

Table 7: The total cost (excluding GST) of weekly compensation days to date for claims with Lumbar Sprain related injuries lodged between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024, broken down by accident is at work-related flag and industry.

Accident is Work-Related	Industry	Lodgement Calendar Year										
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Work-Related	Accommodation and Food Services	\$1,544,951	\$1,570,172	\$823,848	\$1,962,062	\$2,448,968	\$3,160,440	\$2,249,821	\$2,367,328	\$3,217,517	\$3,207,169	\$2,196,234
	Administrative and Support Services	\$3,064,884	\$1,300,354	\$1,841,712	\$1,997,308	\$3,919,843	\$3,184,118	\$3,405,308	\$3,598,547	\$5,177,757	\$5,312,777	\$3,216,777
	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	\$6,127,505	\$6,420,591	\$6,752,493	\$7,638,894	\$7,529,852	\$10,032,044	\$8,580,504	\$8,520,069	\$7,698,166	\$7,424,245	\$5,833,725
	Arts and Recreation Services	\$843,123	\$524,012	\$606,054	\$690,531	\$874,042	\$1,004,700	\$666,245	\$862,509	\$1,037,839	\$1,187,175	\$887,444
	Construction	\$10,846,048	\$18,884,949	\$16,986,342	\$15,897,769	\$16,809,172	\$19,893,029	\$21,632,589	\$18,876,406	\$23,862,990	\$24,313,695	\$16,524,843
	Education and Training	\$537,623	\$1,224,259	\$1,327,954	\$748,442	\$1,812,061	\$1,959,608	\$1,221,464	\$1,402,505	\$2,076,905	\$2,646,010	\$1,976,891
	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	\$1,028,802	\$917,855	\$370,957	\$221,701	\$982,827	\$665,472	\$966,477	\$1,234,730	\$802,667	\$967,577	\$768,359
	Financial and Insurance Services	\$226,281	\$103,185	\$43,902	\$955,668	\$371,087	\$331,946	\$738,841	\$304,220	\$393,563	\$80,874	\$116,972
	Health Care and Social Assistance	\$4,528,005	\$6,590,355	\$4,167,693	\$3,797,507	\$4,885,438	\$5,242,025	\$6,184,274	\$7,849,865	\$6,100,026	\$6,671,745	\$4,427,041
	Information Media and Telecommunications	\$71,269	\$93,751	\$128,979	\$29,980	\$41,993	\$481,689	\$47,309	\$412,183	\$255,715	\$220,167	\$300,449
	Manufacturing	\$7,907,642	\$10,283,206	\$10,808,780	\$9,918,282	\$10,128,457	\$11,165,736	\$11,059,718	\$11,429,291	\$13,215,744	\$13,760,760	\$9,145,529
	Mining	\$124,411	\$310,016	\$291,348	\$121,994	\$583,343	\$492,877	\$701,927	\$557,578	\$209,723	\$662,843	\$462,605
	Other Services	\$745,654	\$1,203,530	\$1,259,543	\$1,958,853	\$2,555,793	\$3,047,445	\$3,049,489	\$3,509,900	\$3,137,992	\$2,905,381	\$2,060,756
	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$916,811	\$1,144,034	\$480,083	\$465,819	\$969,031	\$1,241,650	\$1,283,749	\$1,471,738	\$2,085,021	\$1,611,088	\$1,580,016
	Public Administration and Safety	\$617,289	\$318,824	\$491,905	\$1,078,315	\$954,274	\$740,309	\$957,067	\$1,098,846	\$1,044,159	\$1,277,788	\$966,874
	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	\$385,120	\$1,867,845	\$750,961	\$986,076	\$924,956	\$1,965,605	\$1,439,222	\$1,219,346	\$1,911,503	\$2,235,077	\$1,048,891
	Retail Trade	\$3,038,400	\$3,839,747	\$4,347,045	\$2,696,321	\$5,032,380	\$5,702,329	\$4,792,503	\$4,672,305	\$5,407,937	\$6,074,184	\$3,618,056
	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	\$5,489,952	\$3,041,383	\$5,184,693	\$6,324,036	\$7,708,976	\$7,477,962	\$8,252,074	\$7,462,444	\$8,635,887	\$9,942,736	\$5,287,897
	Wholesale Trade	\$2,277,250	\$2,331,657	\$3,074,175	\$3,191,221	\$2,855,537	\$4,208,029	\$4,742,237	\$2,961,799	\$4,000,204	\$4,895,300	\$2,520,174
	Not Elsewhere Included	\$531,431	\$230,078	\$1,803,137	\$1,220,874	\$1,532,249	\$943,928	\$709,015	\$1,107,284	\$2,025,113	\$3,358,387	\$4,728,324
Unknown	\$355,510	\$831,284	\$977,192	\$1,447,845	\$1,594,899	\$328,975	\$29,930	\$48,281	\$169,300	\$514,235	\$266,151	
Non-Work Related	Non-Work Related	\$68,683,998	\$69,201,705	\$83,380,890	\$83,760,340	\$94,031,752	\$101,519,475	\$117,361,161	\$126,809,589	\$131,136,480	\$150,971,058	\$107,749,975

- Work-Related claims have been identified where the claim is funded from the work account or the accident is at work indicator is set to 'Y'.
- Industry is the classification unit of the employer the claim is attributed to. Note that this is the business activity of the employer.
- Weekly compensation costs are the GST exclusive total cost of weekly compensation days received to date for claims that were lodged in the specified period. Recent periods are likely to be lower than previous periods, as claims lodged in previous years may have been active for longer and therefore had more time to accumulate weekly compensation.

Table 8: The number of new claims for Lumbar Sprain related injuries between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024, broken down by client gender, client age at lodgement and weekly compensation term categories.

Client Gender	Age Group at Lodgement	WC Term	Lodgement Calendar Year									
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	Unknown	Less than 90 Days				<4	<4	<4	4	<4	204	<4



	90 Days or Over	1,127	1,228	1,294	1,356	1,466	1,582	1,683	1,809	1,869	2,058	2,287
50-59 years	Less than 90 Days	23,669	24,754	25,915	26,171	27,115	27,614	26,373	26,883	27,022	28,253	28,670
	90 Days or Over	794	900	987	1,052	1,123	1,279	1,478	1,605	1,682	1,884	1,991
60-69 years	Less than 90 Days	15,957	17,001	17,893	18,469	19,203	20,142	19,562	20,564	20,814	22,700	23,957
	90 Days or Over	292	341	369	423	481	541	668	693	762	897	971
70-79 years	Less than 90 Days	7,352	8,084	8,547	9,339	10,093	10,955	10,589	11,305	11,805	13,363	14,254
	90 Days or Over	15	17	20	30	45	55	63	79	98	109	105
80 years+	Less than 90 Days	2,589	2,914	3,041	3,234	3,375	3,598	3,601	3,850	4,166	4,567	5,241
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	5
Unknown	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
00-09 years	Less than 90 Days	677	771	797	778	766	837	734	720	698	673	686
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
10-19 years	Less than 90 Days	9,830	10,133	10,233	10,050	9,512	9,919	8,640	8,259	8,192	8,506	8,518
	90 Days or Over	39	48	46	49	53	73	69	85	105	118	124
20-29 years	Less than 90 Days	17,394	18,637	19,786	20,211	20,833	21,963	21,312	21,946	21,284	20,884	20,489
	90 Days or Over	296	349	381	421	486	538	615	722	746	761	848
30-39 years	Less than 90 Days	23,113	24,125	25,395	25,849	27,439	29,391	29,411	31,310	31,391	33,532	34,736
	90 Days or Over	539	608	654	675	719	832	920	1,074	1,175	1,299	1,487
40-49 years	Less than 90 Days	28,771	29,788	30,822	30,719	31,097	31,393	29,787	30,536	30,128	31,644	32,678
	90 Days or Over	750	807	824	868	923	999	1,139	1,270	1,271	1,411	1,520
50-59 years	Less than 90 Days	27,307	28,636	30,282	30,420	31,434	32,403	31,146	32,394	32,312	34,373	35,288
	90 Days or Over	495	576	613	657	748	866	969	1,115	1,158	1,306	1,362
60-69 years	Less than 90 Days	17,910	19,597	20,884	21,568	22,754	23,952	23,480	24,716	25,678	28,262	30,237
	90 Days or Over	128	148	189	213	223	277	341	408	463	529	609
70-79 years	Less than 90 Days	8,951	9,916	10,906	11,815	12,542	13,435	13,466	14,202	14,869	16,851	18,420
	90 Days or Over	13	16	13	19	24	25	30	31	28	40	51
80 years+	Less than 90 Days	3,950	4,272	4,418	4,475	4,861	5,347	5,243	5,520	6,053	6,701	7,635
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
00-09 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	6	8	7	8	7	9	7	11	6	9	7
10-19 years	Less than 90 Days	10	6	7	4	4	10	10	14	14	15	30
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
20-29 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	4	<4	4	5	4	<4	6	11	10	19
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
30-39 years	Less than 90 Days	4	<4	<4	8	9	<4	<4	7	<4	<4	17
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	8	7	7	8	4	<4	<4	6	18
40-49 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
50-59 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
60-69 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
70-79 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
80 years+	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
00-09 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
10-19 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
20-29 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
30-39 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
40-49 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
50-59 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
60-69 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
70-79 years	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
80 years+	Less than 90 Days	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
	90 Days or Over	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4

- Age is based on the age of the client at the time of claim lodgement.
- Weekly compensation days are based on the total weekly compensation days received to date for claims that were lodged in the specified period. Recent periods are likely to be lower than previous periods, as claims lodged in previous years may have been active for longer and therefore had more time to accumulate weekly compensation.
- Weekly compensation term categories have been used as a proxy for acute and chronic injuries. Claims which haven't received weekly compensation are included in 'Less than 90 Days'.

Table 10: The cost (excluding GST) of active claims for Lumbar Sprain related injuries between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024, broken down by client gender, client age at lodgement and weekly compensation term categories.

Client Gender	Age Group at Lodgement	WC Term	Payment Calendar Year										
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Unknown	Less than 90 Days		\$1,361	\$1,834	\$34,543	\$4,180	\$47,687	\$107	\$142	\$205	\$33	\$214	\$356
	90 Days or Over												
00-09 years	Less than 90 Days		\$167,457	\$183,755	\$172,439	\$229,613	\$249,087	\$270,856	\$247,352	\$229,418	\$225,409	\$252,583	\$199,636
	90 Days or Over												
10-19 years	Less than 90 Days		\$2,809,437	\$2,858,606	\$2,827,430	\$2,906,271	\$3,170,093	\$3,042,748	\$2,811,590	\$2,974,634	\$3,018,744	\$3,535,574	\$4,250,934
	90 Days or Over		\$8,368,161	\$1,859,431	\$1,428,613	\$1,291,164	\$1,923,475	\$2,332,694	\$2,915,830	\$2,957,348	\$2,763,169	\$2,856,549	\$3,890,521
20-29 years	Less than 90 Days		\$8,362,123	\$9,208,388	\$9,530,240	\$10,179,402	\$11,203,840	\$12,010,908	\$11,921,850	\$13,106,869	\$14,366,113	\$15,586,835	\$17,266,646
	90 Days or Over		\$10,446,532	\$14,750,768	\$16,081,475	\$18,721,037	\$21,714,217	\$22,402,128	\$25,726,130	\$29,230,366	\$33,220,711	\$38,031,940	\$45,676,585
30-39 years	Less than 90 Days		\$11,070,469	\$11,339,572	\$12,674,285	\$13,398,625	\$14,744,246	\$16,239,629	\$17,548,789	\$19,767,664	\$21,834,775	\$26,074,546	\$29,943,229
	90 Days or Over		\$21,252,580	\$24,963,773	\$28,568,384	\$29,917,536	\$37,427,081	\$39,739,061	\$46,238,615	\$52,936,600	\$61,140,805	\$78,111,162	\$92,449,118
40-49 years	Less than 90 Days		\$12,220,458	\$12,975,498	\$13,612,175	\$13,717,447	\$14,913,250	\$16,403,747	\$16,117,966	\$17,617,263	\$19,136,307	\$21,940,569	\$24,000,947
	90 Days or Over		\$25,640,779	\$29,992,541	\$33,814,733	\$34,619,481	\$37,487,034	\$41,675,119	\$46,207,383	\$49,768,283	\$54,848,512	\$67,252,192	\$78,754,093
50-59 years	Less than 90 Days		\$10,613,530	\$11,505,113	\$11,774,332	\$12,940,214	\$14,062,155	\$14,522,697	\$14,671,989	\$15,673,818	\$18,125,005	\$20,021,452	\$21,489,815
	90 Days or Over		\$16,402,860	\$20,017,450	\$22,156,891	\$21,725,067	\$28,219,010	\$31,081,373	\$36,571,546	\$41,828,628	\$46,716,171	\$57,158,537	\$66,121,239
60-69 years	Less than 90 Days		\$6,405,449	\$7,245,773	\$8,247,219	\$8,816,994	\$10,036,730	\$10,486,006	\$10,282,945	\$11,090,379	\$12,703,965	\$15,186,274	\$17,304,001
	90 Days or Over		\$4,200,853	\$5,616,945	\$6,214,182	\$7,554,266	\$8,564,966	\$11,269,303	\$14,119,381	\$15,465,364	\$16,926,168	\$20,778,999	\$25,662,317
70-79 years	Less than 90 Days		\$2,583,802	\$3,034,760	\$3,084,208	\$3,593,058	\$4,009,316	\$4,279,811	\$4,786,557	\$4,834,427	\$5,682,554	\$7,265,479	\$7,870,474
	90 Days or Over		\$190,637	\$279,715	\$234,604	\$325,582	\$888,234	\$960,107	\$1,451,489	\$1,536,524	\$1,675,743	\$2,413,047	\$2,316,181
80 years+	Less than 90 Days		\$892,222	\$1,036,627	\$1,073,471	\$1,164,696	\$1,350,740	\$1,479,764					

	90 Days or Over											
	Less than 90 Days											
Female	00-09 years	\$98,566	\$99,361	\$270,376	\$481,560	\$204,837	\$355,197	\$240,743	\$233,299	\$228,501	\$354,500	\$386,228
	90 Days or Over	\$117,307	\$120,695	\$98,825	\$94,826	\$90,443	\$64,616	\$58,996	\$45,504	\$80,474	\$127,271	\$64,865
	10-19 years	\$2,882,864	\$2,920,931	\$3,097,581	\$3,254,525	\$2,971,170	\$3,259,698	\$3,107,182	\$2,942,820	\$3,543,291	\$3,760,176	\$4,375,343
	90 Days or Over	\$426,249	\$715,741	\$1,036,057	\$708,140	\$756,466	\$889,134	\$1,417,874	\$1,426,966	\$1,787,388	\$2,246,260	\$2,167,856
	20-29 years	\$6,565,908	\$6,746,431	\$7,563,414	\$8,052,795	\$9,302,909	\$10,059,114	\$10,111,812	\$11,172,062	\$11,567,998	\$11,738,811	\$13,847,831
	90 Days or Over	\$4,280,197	\$5,431,039	\$6,293,835	\$7,137,678	\$8,534,435	\$9,434,355	\$11,224,390	\$11,508,928	\$15,230,801	\$17,038,448	\$20,854,805
	30-39 years	\$9,112,147	\$10,452,847	\$10,991,861	\$12,092,906	\$12,632,029	\$14,564,524	\$15,713,492	\$17,661,440	\$19,065,225	\$23,509,114	\$26,256,051
	90 Days or Over	\$9,895,832	\$12,334,605	\$13,181,029	\$13,254,195	\$15,721,668	\$16,347,266	\$19,981,599	\$23,869,880	\$26,033,796	\$33,785,522	\$40,396,357
	40-49 years	\$11,767,452	\$12,573,581	\$13,206,033	\$13,790,944	\$15,279,229	\$15,944,830	\$15,909,342	\$17,265,941	\$18,772,972	\$21,149,597	\$23,449,342
	90 Days or Over	\$13,411,601	\$15,930,008	\$16,987,315	\$17,521,305	\$19,741,229	\$21,595,616	\$26,912,841	\$28,009,739	\$30,270,641	\$37,949,626	\$44,230,723
	50-59 years	\$10,655,186	\$12,069,666	\$12,436,785	\$13,564,898	\$14,532,117	\$15,630,829	\$15,789,102	\$18,170,690	\$18,602,281	\$22,135,229	\$23,744,751
	90 Days or Over	\$7,946,978	\$10,367,464	\$10,750,682	\$11,821,559	\$14,261,191	\$16,290,544	\$20,863,624	\$23,656,059	\$23,841,114	\$30,007,565	\$36,105,194
60-69 years	\$6,995,686	\$8,266,170	\$8,507,903	\$9,144,494	\$10,334,660	\$11,222,540	\$11,318,221	\$12,652,344	\$14,030,397	\$17,131,898	\$19,830,666	
90 Days or Over	\$1,206,951	\$1,771,885	\$2,621,964	\$3,405,591	\$3,927,768	\$4,884,600	\$5,605,245	\$7,196,747	\$8,150,101	\$10,804,788	\$12,838,149	
70-79 years	\$3,382,932	\$3,919,675	\$4,138,518	\$5,078,809	\$5,520,974	\$5,976,760	\$6,083,729	\$6,773,899	\$7,637,905	\$9,965,638	\$11,531,985	
90 Days or Over	\$1,011,918	\$176,097	\$290,077	\$269,004	\$321,863	\$253,569	\$334,536	\$398,863	\$360,170	\$928,330	\$1,138,551	
80 years+	\$1,856,434	\$1,997,814	\$1,942,514	\$2,248,181	\$2,542,360	\$2,778,194	\$2,782,456	\$2,803,766	\$4,363,297	\$4,738,113	\$5,665,129	
90 Days or Over			\$4,756						\$49,301	\$32,478	\$34,497	
00-09 years	\$247					\$103	\$34					
10-19 years	\$823	\$1,341	\$844	\$2,197	\$14,543	\$1,694	\$723	\$1,436	\$689	\$7,884	\$1,575	
90 Days or Over								\$13,721	\$21,950	\$5,786	\$21,568	
20-29 years	\$1,303	\$1,900	\$527	\$545	\$976	\$1,752	\$2,777	\$3,488	\$18,550	\$24,637	\$33,741	
90 Days or Over	\$13,061		\$195	\$408	\$1,100	\$653	\$329	\$14,046	\$7,256	\$12,233	\$6,225	
30-39 years	\$465	\$748	\$195	\$408	\$1,100	\$653	\$329	\$14,046	\$7,256	\$12,233	\$6,225	
90 Days or Over									\$4,392	\$4,387	\$54,887	
40-49 years	\$873	\$303	\$470	\$2,514	\$2,595	\$4,419	\$364	\$1,433	\$1,145	\$6,933	\$3,841	
90 Days or Over	\$1,734	\$1,306	\$1,883	\$4,773	\$10,447	\$2,572	\$880	\$715	\$551	\$2,043	\$18,095	
50-59 years										\$5,371	\$128,561	
60-69 years	\$905	\$3,475	\$847	\$232	\$58	\$975			\$812	\$1,360	\$3,823	
90 Days or Over									\$271	\$511	\$779	
80 years+		\$176				\$77			\$60		\$829	
Unknown									\$10,799	-\$111		
00-09 years	\$698										\$154	
10-19 years		\$599	\$797	\$46				\$327	\$105	\$2,302	\$1,219	
20-29 years	\$321	\$1,077	\$116	\$161		\$451	\$281	\$52	\$2,800	\$20,317	\$43,302	
90 Days or Over										\$30,908	\$30,908	
30-39 years	\$158	\$113	\$90				\$170	\$123	\$37,840	\$35,912	\$31,705	
90 Days or Over											\$11,350	
40-49 years		\$274	\$361			\$23			\$25,336	\$42,228	\$7,485	
90 Days or Over										\$10,111	\$31,278	
50-59 years		\$31					\$34	\$12,135	\$52,959	-\$941	\$20,218	
60-69 years						\$380		\$123		\$5,554	\$31,868	
70-79 years											\$1,165	
80 years+											\$433	

- Age is based on the age of the client at the time of claim lodgement.
- Weekly compensation days are based on the total weekly compensation days received to date for claims that were lodged in the specified period. Recent periods are likely to be lower than previous periods, as claims lodged in previous years may have been active for longer and therefore had more time to accumulate weekly compensation.
- Weekly compensation term categories have been used as a proxy for acute and chronic injuries. Claims which haven't received weekly compensation are included in 'Less than 90 Days'.

Table 11: The number of active claims receiving payments for Lumbar Sprain related injuries between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024, broken down by type of service.

Service	Payment Calendar Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Medical Treatment - physiotherapists	130,564	136,937	142,295	142,246	143,840	149,275	142,221	148,819	153,417	158,736	162,834	
Medical Treatment - GPs	97,880	103,235	108,214	110,489	114,945	118,823	116,681	124,355	120,307	128,325	134,696	
Medical Treatment - chiropractors	46,654	50,885	53,973	55,444	59,401	63,219	59,247	61,367	63,128	67,041	67,829	
Medical Treatment - radiologists	41,210	44,915	47,389	48,055	50,827	54,844	54,916	59,538	61,292	68,866	74,415	
Medical Treatment - osteopaths	40,671	42,463	43,743	44,566	47,400	50,566	47,515	47,762	47,593	52,939	55,617	
Medical Treatment - acupuncturist	22,953	25,266	28,331	30,253	32,925	35,209	32,459	34,721	35,292	37,321	37,321	
Medical Treatment - specialist consultations - Med Fees	22,837	24,586	25,066	28,100	29,366	31,021	31,948	33,860	33,589	37,106	40,336	
Income Maintenance - payments incl Lump Sum and Indep Allowance	11,215	12,417	13,650	14,468	15,733	16,752	18,049	20,800	22,002	24,977	28,194	
Other - incl Dental, Medical and Other Misc Expenses	6,273	7,013	7,332	6,298	6,708	6,830	7,359	7,885	9,319	10,853	12,081	
Support for Independence	3,639	4,676	4,928	5,524	6,278	6,762	7,170	7,642	8,926	10,298	12,804	
Vocational Rehabilitation	4,881	5,682	5,677	6,340	7,280	7,815	6,612	6,269	6,161	7,995	9,079	
Emergency and Non-emergency Transport	5,665	3,829	4,203	4,131	4,403	4,399	4,109	4,164	4,301	5,034	5,180	
Hospital Treatment - Surgical Treatment	1,889	2,071	2,091	2,088	2,237	2,130	2,191	2,524	2,826	2,806	2,954	
Medical Treatment - podiatry	507	508	504	517	630	608	677	751	822	820	918	
Death Benefits	7	<4	<4	<4	5	<4	<4	4	6	<4	<4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>277,773</b>	<b>283,015</b>	<b>306,725</b>	<b>311,579</b>	<b>323,645</b>	<b>337,870</b>	<b>327,379</b>	<b>340,780</b>	<b>343,746</b>	<b>362,604</b>	<b>376,108</b>	

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- Payment date may differ to the date of service.
- A claim may be active in multiple periods, and will be counted once in each period it is active. The total number is the distinct count of these claims.

Table 12: The costs (excluding GST) of active claims receiving payments for Lumbar Sprain related injuries between 01 January 2014 and 31 December 2024, broken down by type of payment.

Payment Type	Payment Calendar Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Income Maintenance - payments incl Lump Sum and Indep Allowance	\$100,363,105	\$121,204,716	\$134,218,874	\$142,075,307	\$168,835,012	\$187,072,682	\$229,473,221	\$266,204,080	\$297,188,543	\$366,833,345	\$439,828,142	
Hospital Treatment - Surgical Treatment	\$21,944,699	\$26,289,557	\$26,797,571	\$27,481,514	\$29,732,507	\$29,003,390	\$33,927,845	\$35,835,144	\$44,425,764	\$49,821,441	\$56,777,322	
Medical Treatment - physiotherapists	\$23,963,279	\$25,634,801	\$27,006,156	\$27,624,734	\$29,160,350	\$31,917,666	\$30,107,770	\$31,452,197	\$33,022,694	\$36,013,435	\$38,983,563	

Medical Treatment - radiologists	\$15,186,618	\$17,490,357	\$18,814,625	\$20,277,647	\$22,096,140	\$25,161,126	\$27,008,648	\$31,226,542	\$32,748,323	\$37,218,620	\$40,796,094
Support for Independence	\$7,794,432	\$9,262,077	\$10,476,865	\$12,121,470	\$14,862,342	\$17,676,821	\$19,213,542	\$21,259,687	\$24,775,965	\$32,085,517	\$36,679,291
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$9,961,340	\$13,074,318	\$13,262,804	\$15,122,520	\$17,263,405	\$17,799,812	\$14,501,596	\$12,097,832	\$11,386,284	\$16,103,063	\$19,397,612
Medical Treatment - acupuncturist	\$9,603,661	\$10,768,440	\$11,971,331	\$13,495,409	\$15,388,871	\$16,266,248	\$13,244,117	\$12,496,459	\$13,235,970	\$14,229,604	\$16,187,910
Other - incl Dental, Medical and Other Misc Expenses	\$6,561,778	\$7,965,122	\$9,415,700	\$9,603,917	\$10,467,467	\$10,565,581	\$12,640,804	\$13,575,027	\$15,469,153	\$21,844,780	\$20,087,068
Medical Treatment - specialist consultations - Med Fees	\$7,391,223	\$8,402,607	\$8,697,207	\$9,844,942	\$10,924,563	\$11,930,591	\$13,171,805	\$14,037,998	\$14,908,204	\$16,451,412	\$18,356,415
Medical Treatment - GPs	\$6,482,948	\$7,110,611	\$7,634,959	\$7,913,673	\$8,416,074	\$9,658,955	\$9,965,477	\$11,228,394	\$11,093,907	\$12,574,149	\$14,242,831
Medical Treatment - chiropractors	\$7,233,213	\$7,983,478	\$8,402,100	\$8,848,891	\$9,614,923	\$10,217,514	\$8,990,375	\$9,353,994	\$9,859,110	\$11,246,906	\$12,063,920
Medical Treatment - osteopaths	\$5,569,412	\$5,964,968	\$6,054,185	\$6,406,326	\$6,942,924	\$7,478,139	\$6,669,845	\$6,973,716	\$7,255,947	\$8,895,343	\$9,786,331
Emergency and Non-emergency Transport	\$3,089,850	\$1,685,969	\$1,992,468	\$2,042,136	\$2,493,719	\$2,829,295	\$2,407,017	\$2,352,279	\$2,724,619	\$3,866,265	\$4,212,948
Death Benefits	\$185,438	\$162,581	\$154,711	\$140,638	\$458,371	\$156,736	\$150,512	\$159,185	\$153,169	\$66,166	\$62,913
Medical Treatment - podiatry	\$36,102	\$40,065	\$46,720	\$48,925	\$61,207	\$62,792	\$75,477	\$92,232	\$188,733	\$196,022	\$218,242
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$225,367,100</b>	<b>\$262,939,567</b>	<b>\$284,946,276</b>	<b>\$303,048,047</b>	<b>\$346,717,876</b>	<b>\$377,797,348</b>	<b>\$421,548,049</b>	<b>\$468,544,765</b>	<b>\$518,436,385</b>	<b>\$627,446,058</b>	<b>\$727,680,601</b>

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