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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-012324

Thank you for your email of 9 July 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could you please produce a table like the one in the attached OIA request [ref: GOV-007224] but detail them for Independence Allowance and Weekly compensation rather than Supported Assessment?

We are unable to provide the same breakdown of data

You requested ACC provide a copy of the data table given in OIA response GOV-007224, but with data for independence allowance and weekly compensation payments. Due to the way ACC's data is recorded for independence allowance and weekly compensation, we are unable to replicate the table in GOV-007224 for the data set for the count by cover decision and by all time. However, we can provide you with statistics on accepted claims.

Count by cover decision

In order for a client with a sensitive claim to receive entitlements, such as independence allowance or weekly compensation payments, they must have an accepted claim for a personal injury that is a physical or mental injury caused by sexual abuse or assault. ACC is unable to provide these entitlements where a claim has been declined. Therefore, we are unable to provide information for declined claims, and will instead just be providing information for accepted claims.

Count by 'all time'

The data provided in the GOV-007224 request included a count of claims for 'all time'. This count was possible to provide as it related to services provided under the Integrated Services for Sensitive Claims Contract, which began in November 2014.

Independence allowance began in 1992 and weekly compensation began in 1974, meaning that these entitlements have been available to ACC clients for a time period which exceeds ACC's general payment reporting data sets. In this case our starting point is 1 July 1999. Data prior to this date is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held by ACC.

Independence allowance and weekly compensation payments

Please see the table provided below for a count of all sensitive claims which receive an independence allowance or weekly compensation payment between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2021, as well as an all-time count.

Table: Count of accepted sensitive claims receiving certain entitlements

Entitlement type	2019/20	2020/21	Since 1 July 1999
Weekly compensation	931	1,063	2,799
Independence allowance	8,379	8,571	18,496

Notes about the data:

- Data was extracted on 22 July 2021 and may differ if rerun.
- The data only includes new sensitive claims with an accepted cover decision receiving an entitlement of weekly compensation or an independence allowance. New claims are counted by the year they were lodged with ACC.
- Data is provided in Financial Years. A Financial Year is from 1 July to 30 June.
- All time is taken from 1 July 1999, but due to a system upgrade in 2006, data between 1 July 1999 and 2006 is likely to be incomplete.
- Clients with a sensitive claim can receive both weekly compensation and independence allowance, across multiple years. Claims can therefore appear multiple times - in each entitlement type and year they were paid.
- Once a client qualifies for independence allowance, they will continue to receive it as an on-going entitlement (as opposed to weekly compensation that is only paid as long for as it is required).

Questions

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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