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**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-030911**

Thank you for your email of 28 February 2024 to the Ministry of Transport, referring to annual crash data supplied to you, and requesting the following information:

*are these statistics use to generate acc levies?  
One issue I have as a motorcyclist are the high rego costs.  
My understanding is that the acc levied for us includes off road incidents of recreational use.  
Horse riding and rugby are more dangerous and they pay no acc levies at all.  
Nor do cyclists, be it commuting to work or down hill racing..  
There is also the issue of who is paying vs who caused the accident.*

Due to the nature of your request, it was transferred to ACC for response under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). This transfer was made in accordance with section 14 of the Act.

**Levy rates for motorcyclists**

ACC levies for motor vehicle owners, including motorcyclists, contribute to the Motor Vehicle Account and are funded from a levy included in the vehicle registration and a levy on petrol. The levy collected can only be used to provide support for people injured in accidents involving a moving vehicle on a public road. Injuries that occur off-road would usually be paid for by the Earners' or Non-Earners' Accounts, which are funded from levies on earnings and general taxation. The amount that is charged for levies is set by the Government.

When calculating the recommended levy rate for motor vehicles, including motorcycles, we consider the actual and projected costs of injuries for each vehicle class by combining ACC claim data with the official crash data held by Police and the New Zealand Transport Agency. ACC uses six years of crash information to determine the relative risk between classes of motor vehicles.

The claim costs related to injuries of motorcyclists are significantly higher than for other vehicles, resulting in higher levies on motorcycle owners than for car owners. Even so, motorcyclists only contribute 23% of the injury costs associated with this motor vehicle type. The majority of motorcycle injury costs is effectively paid for by the levies on other motor vehicle types.

Horse riders and amateur rugby players pay levies through their salaries and taxes. Further, there are work-related levies, which reflect the level of risk within the industry. Accordingly, work levies for professional rugby and industries that involve horse riding (e.g. farming, horse racing) account for their risks.

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

ACC may decide to proactively release 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).

**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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