

21 March 2024

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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-030850

Thank you for your email of 29 February 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

1. *Data on PTSD Cases:*
 - *The total number of PTSD cases in serving and retired New Zealand police workers diagnosed and recorded by ACC over the past five years.*
 - *Breakdown of these cases by year and status (serving vs. retired).*
2. *Information Sharing with WorkSafe NZ:*
 - *Details on how and when information about these PTSD cases is shared with WorkSafe NZ under Section 286 of the ACA.*
 - *The number of PTSD cases originating from the New Zealand Police that have been reported to WorkSafe NZ within the same timeframe.*
3. *Financial Impact:*
 - *The total cost to the taxpayer for the treatment, rehabilitation, and compensation of these PTSD cases over the past five years.*
 - *Any available breakdown of these costs by year.*

On 13 March 2024, we advised you that we had transferred questions 1 and 3 of your request to Police for a response under the Act. That decision was made in accordance with section 14 of the Act.

Information sharing with WorkSafe New Zealand (WorkSafe)

Claims managed by employers under the accredited employer program are submitted to ACC monthly and are combined with ACC managed claims in our data warehouse. Work-related claims are identified based on this information, and these are provided securely to WorkSafe in weekly updates to make them aware of accidents which ACC has identified as occurring in workplaces. Employers legally have to notify WorkSafe of work-related accidents and providing this information allows them to identify and verify accidents that were not reported to them.

ACC provides more detailed work-related claim information monthly to WorkSafe. WorkSafe's system can combine this data with their own information to analyse and report on work-related claims. The monthly information includes information about:

- accident details (date, cause/circumstances, if fatal, etc.)
- the injuries sustained (includes clinical coding – Read or ICD10 codes)
- the client (names, date of birth, address, ethnicities, gender, etc)
- entitlements provided (medical costs, weekly compensation, number of weekly compensation days paid)
- the employer levy payer detail related to levies paid (employer, levy payer, levy risk group, classification unit)

This information is provided to WorkSafe in compliance with section 286 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001.

Reports made to WorkSafe

Please find the number of number of claims with a post-traumatic stress diagnosis (PTSD) originating from Police that have been reported to WorkSafe in the table below. Claims have been identified where the occupation was 'Police', and the clinical coding was PTSD for the last 5 years.

| Year | Claims |
|--------------|-----------|
| 2019 | 15 |
| 2020 | 17 |
| 2021 | 13 |
| 2022 | 14 |
| 2023 | 7 |
| Total | 66 |

Of these claims, 45 were managed by accredited employers and the remaining 21 by ACC.

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.

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

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