

16 February 2021



Tēnā koe

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-008664

Thank you for your email of 26 January 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Please advise under the Official Information Act shown many applications for ACC-funded operations were accepted each year for the last 4 years, and how many applications for ACC-funded operations were declined in each of those years?*

Data provided

The data provided in the table below provides a count of accepted (authorised) and declined purchase order forms for ACC funded elective surgery requests, by calendar year.

Table: Number of elective surgery purchase orders, by calendar year and approval status

PO Approval Status	2017	2018	2019	2020
Authorised	43,394	44,373	45,988	43,869
Declined	8,937	9,117	9,609	8,528

Notes about the data

Please consider the following when interpreting the data provided:

- The data was extracted by the creation date of the purchase order, which may differ slightly from the surgery request date.
- A calendar year is from 1 January to 31 December.
- Only *authorised* and *declined* purchase orders are included. Purchase orders authorised and later cancelled or not yet decided have been excluded.
- An *authorised* purchase order is not confirmation that a surgery has occurred. Surgery may not go ahead for a number of reasons.
- The data was extracted on 1 February 2021 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

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

Nāku iti noa, nā



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