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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-017282

Thank you for your email of 19 March 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

How many claims have been accepted for Loss of Potential Earnings ("LOPE") under s 105(1)(b) of the Accident Compensation Act 2001 each year for the last five years (2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017). Please also advise how many claims have been declined for LOPE for the past five years.

The number of declined claims for Loss of Potential Earnings (LOPE) is not readily available

In order to compile this information, we would be required to undertake a manual search approximately 1000 decline letters for weekly compensation, for the years requested, to locate those letters that relate to LOPE. As such, we are refusing this part of your request as to extract and compile this information would require substantial collation and research. This decision is made under section 18(f) of the Act.

We are providing you with all accepted LOPE claims from 2017 to 2021.

The following table shows number of claims receiving first LOPE payment between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2021 broken down by calendar year. Note that a claim was not necessarily lodged or had the accident occur within this time period.

Payment Calendar Year	Accepted LOPE Claims
2017	135
2018	113
2019	112
2020	102
2021	142

Note: Data was extracted 30 March 2022 and may differ if re-run later.

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

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