



08 June 2023

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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-025256

Thank you for your email of 9 March 2023, sorry for the delay in providing a response to the below five questions. You asked for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Number of claims involving ACC in regards to Hernia claims in the past 12 months.*
2. *Please also advise the number of Hernia claims declined in the past 12 months.*
3. *Please advise the number of ACC hernia claims made by people exercising with weights at gyms or similar activities in the past 12 months and how many were accepted.*
4. *Please advise the number of sport injuries in the last 12 months such as hamstring injuries and the number that were declined.*
5. *Please advise how many hernia claims were as a result of debilitating pain that were immediately hospitalized in the last 12 months.*

The data requested in questions one to four is attached in Appendix 1

When interpreting the data provided, please refer to the 'Notes' tab.

We are unable to identify if a client required hospitalisation

To extract information for question five, if held, would require us to manually read through all individual hernia claim files. As such, we are refusing to provide this data as it would require substantial collation or research to extract. This decision has been made under section 18(f) of the Act. In doing so, we considered extending our timeframe to respond and charging (under the Act). However, it was determined that the resources required to extract the data would significantly impact the everyday functions of the team(s) involved.

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

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

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Notes and caveats:

Accredited employer claims are excluded from these dataset.

For question 1 and 2 (Table 1), the dataset includes any claim with a hernia injury lodged between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023.

For question 3 (Table 2), the dataset includes any claim with a hernia injury lodged between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, where 'sport' was 'Fitness Training / Gym'.

For question 4 (Table 3 and 4), the dataset includes claims for sport injuries lodged between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023.

Hernia injuries includes any claim identified by the treatment injury team as being a hernia caused by treatment, or any other claim where an injury diagnosis on the c includes the word "hernia".

Please note that accepted claims might include some claims where we've declined to cover the hernia but have approved cover for a different diagnosis.

Data were extracted on 2 June 2023 and may differ if rerun later.

Table 1: Number of all hernia claims and declined hernia claims, lodged between 01 May 2022 and 30 April 2023.

All Hernia Claims	Declined Hernia Claims
3,457	1,882

Table 2: Number of all hernia claims and accepted hernia claims for Fitness Training / Gym, lodged between 01 May 2022 and 30 April 2023.

All Hernia Claims	Accepted Hernia Claims
81	25

Table 3: Number of claims for sport related injury, lodged between 01 May 2022 and 30 April 2023.

All Claims	Declined Claims
438,019	1,929

Table 4: Number of accepted claims for sport related injury, lodged between 01 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, broken down by top 10 most common primary diagnosis.

Primary Injury Diagnosis	Accepted Claims For Sport Injury
Soft Tissue Injury	351,423
Fracture/dislocation	34,157
Laceration,puncture,sting	23,481
Concussion	6,653
Dental Injury	5,570
Foreign Body In Orifice/eye	839
Burns	695
Pain Syndromes	619
Gradual Process - Local Inflamm.	287
Trauma Induced Hearing Loss	273
Other / Unknown	11,498