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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-016750

Thank you for your email of 14 February 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *What I really want is how many claims has ACC paid out for a major ruptured pectoral muscle lump sum payment.*
- *I want to know if there have been previous lump sum claims paid.*
- *I don't want to know the total claims just ones that had a lump sum payment for what I am claiming for.*

Our Response

Please find attached the excel file that will provide you with the requested data.

Notes about the data

- *Claims are included where a lump sum / independence allowance payment was made by ACC between 1 January 2017 and 19 February 2022.*
- *Claims are identified as including a tendon rupture where the keywords tendon and rupture or division are found in the injury description. Claims with the read code 'Rotator cuff complete rupture' are also included as these will almost always include tendon ruptures.*
- *A claim may include more than one lump sum payment. In these cases, pay year is the most recent year in which a payment was received.*
- *A claim may include more than one tendon rupture but will be counted once in the table unless they have both a shoulder rupture and a rupture in another part of their body in which case they will be counted once in each provided injury site category.*
- *Please note that we are unable to link payments including lump sum payments to a specific injury. A claim may include other injuries in addition to the tendon rupture injuries provided and we cannot guarantee that the lump sum was approved as a result of the tendon rupture and not for one of these other injuries or due to a combination of multiple injuries.*
- *Data was extracted 21 February 2022 and may differ if re-run later.*

Who to contact

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

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, ACC has decided 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 [here](#).

Nāku iti noa, nā

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Sara Freitag
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Table: Claims with a tendon rupture and a lump sum payment paid between 1 January 2017 and 19 February 2022 broken down by injury site and calendar year

Injury Site	Most Recent Lump Sum Payment Calendar Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (YTD)
Shoulder (incl Clavicle/blade)	39	42	36	31	39	8
Other Injury Site	59	56	51	50	67	19
Total	96	95	85	80	105	27

A claim may be counted in both shoulder and other injury site where the client has more than one tendon rupture from a single event. The total is a distinct count of all claims in the dataset. This is likely to result in some columns not adding up to the amount in the total.

Of the 195 claims with a tendon rupture in the shoulder, 119 had the injury description 'Rupture supraspinatus tendon'.

Other injury descriptions under shoulder include:
Rotator cuff complete rupture
Rupture infraspinatus tendon
Rupture subscapularis tendon
Biceps tendon rupture