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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-007402

Thank you for your email of 15 October 2020, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Active claims (all claims), by duration, by number of claims, or cost over the last 5 or 6 years

The data we are able to provide on active claims

Please see below for the data we have been able to source regarding active claims and associated costs. The data notes on the second page denote the caveats of the extracted data.

Table 1: Total number of active claims and active claim costs

| | Payment Calendar Year | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 YTD* |
| Active Claims | 2,177,166 | 2,272,783 | 2,301,242 | 2,369,910 | 2,463,596 | 1,799,400 |
| Active Costs (\$) | 2,887,869,343 | 3,099,468,202 | 3,313,385,517 | 3,633,161,209 | 3,958,388,713 | 3,027,858,232 |

*to 30 September 2020

Table 2: Total number of claims receiving weekly compensation entitlements and average duration of entitlement in days

| Year of most recent WC* entitlement payment | Average Duration (Days) | Total Claims |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|
| 2015 | 128 | 73,538 |
| 2016 | 126 | 79,364 |
| 2017 | 131 | 83,120 |
| 2018 | 126 | 88,273 |
| 2019 | 129 | 93,245 |
| 2020 YTD** | 147 | 71,222 |

*WC = weekly compensation

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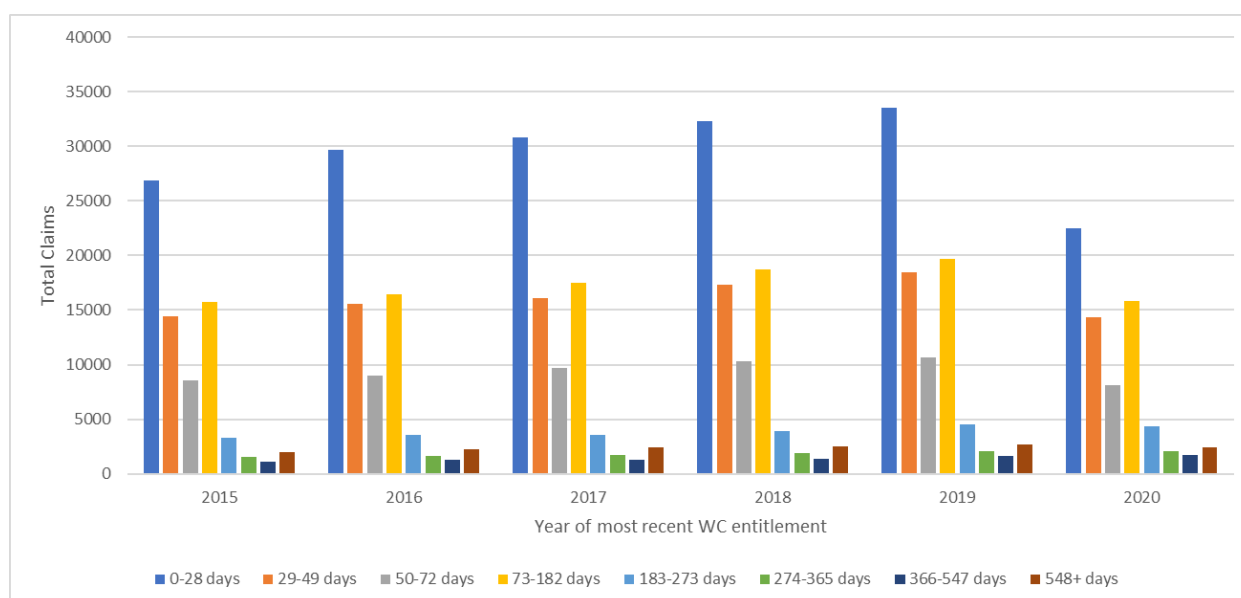
Table 3: Total number of claims that have received the most recent entitlement

| Year of most recent WC* entitlement payment | Weekly Compensation Duration | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| | 0-28 days | 29-49 days | 50-72 days | 73-182 days | 183-273 days | 274-365 days | 366-547 days | 548+ days |
| 2015 | 26,849 | 14,455 | 8,597 | 15,744 | 3,318 | 1,516 | 1,112 | 1,947 |
| 2016 | 29,679 | 15,532 | 8,999 | 16,408 | 3,543 | 1,658 | 1,296 | 2,249 |
| 2017 | 30,823 | 16,055 | 9,691 | 17,486 | 3,602 | 1,707 | 1,294 | 2,462 |
| 2018 | 32,289 | 17,330 | 10,285 | 18,686 | 3,948 | 1,855 | 1,411 | 2,469 |
| 2019 | 33,519 | 18,417 | 10,643 | 19,709 | 4,558 | 2,097 | 1,647 | 2,655 |
| 2020 YTD** | 22,473 | 14,356 | 8,076 | 15,848 | 4,343 | 2,040 | 1,689 | 2,397 |

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Graph: Total number of claims for each claim duration, for claims that have received the most recent entitlement



Notes about the data

The following points should be considered when interpreting the data provided below:

- The data has been provided in calendar years, where claims received a payment between 1 January 2015 and 30 September 2020.
- Active claims are claims that generated a payment in the period specified. A claim can be active over many years and appear more than once in the data. The count of active claims includes new claims for which a payment has been made in the period.
- These numbers are subject to change, as a client can recommence weekly compensation for the given claim at any time. Further, data for 2020 is likely to change as many of these claims may still be actively receiving weekly compensation claims.
- There exist claims that are receiving Weekly Compensation entitlements between 2015-2020 that were lodged as far back as 1974.
- The costs are GST exclusive.
- Costs are based on payment date. Payment dates may differ to the date that the service was provided.

- The cost of emergency treatment at public hospitals is bulk funded under the Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) agreement. The costs for ACC covered accidents that fall under this agreement are not individually billed to ACC and allocated to individual claims. Rather, the costs of emergency treatment are covered in bulk payment made to the District Health Boards each year, via the Ministry of Health.
- The data was extracted on 28 October 2020 and may differ if rerun at a later date.

Who to contact

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

Nāku iti noa, nā



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