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**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-027465**

Thank you for your email of 31 August 2023, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*...how many acc clients have commented suicide since 2017 to 2022 while been an acc client.*

**Interpretation of your request**

We have interpreted your request as asking for the number of people who have died by suicide while receiving support from ACC.

**In cases where we are informed of the cause of death, and it is related to suicide *or* self-harm, we have a 'Willfully self-inflicted' (WSI) indicator**

However, we are unable to provide the data requested as it would require us to manually review all WSI claims to identify if the client was receiving support from ACC when the injury occurred, and if the injury relates to self-harm or suicide. Therefore, we are refusing to provide the data requested as it would require substantial collation and 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 (as allowed under the Act). However, it was determined that the resources required to extract the data would have a significant impact on the everyday functions of the team(s) involved.

**How to contact us**

If you have any questions, you can email me at [REDACTED]

If you are not happy with this response, you can also contact the Ombudsman via [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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