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Tēnā koe Anthony

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-001673**

Thank you for your email of 16 September 2019, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please supply information that allows:*

- 1. Government to obtain money from the ACC Fund that doesn't have a financial return of Interest/Dividends*
- 2. Government to obtain money from the ACC fund that has a financial return of Interest/Dividends*
- 3. For the period National was in power pre this Labour term, how much did National obtain from the ACC fund that was not bearing of interest*
- 4. For the period National was in power pre this Labour term, how much did National obtain from the ACC fund that was bearing of interest*
- 5. Of total monies obtained from the ACC fund by the National Government, what total is still outstanding overdue*
- 6. For the period Labour has been in power, how much has Labour obtained from the ACC fund that is not bearing of interest*
- 7. For the period Labour has been in power, how much has Labour obtained from the ACC fund that is bearing of interest*
- 8. Who authorises such payments to Government*

**How ACC is funded**

The money ACC collects to pay for injury related costs goes into one of five accounts:

- The Work Account which covers injuries at work. This is funded by the Work levy that employers and self-employed working in New Zealand pay.
- The Earners account which covers non-work personal injuries for employed people (not including motor-vehicle injuries). This is funded by the Earners' levy, which is a flat rate paid by all employees and self-employed on their earnings.
- The Motor Vehicle Account which covers injuries on public roads involving a moving vehicle. This is funded by the Motor Vehicle levy, which is comprised of a petrol levy and a portion of your vehicle licence (registration) fee. Non-petrol vehicles pay the whole levy through the vehicle registration.
- The Non-Earners' Account which covers people who are injured and don't pay levies, for example, children or beneficiaries. This is funded by the government through general tax.
- The Treatment Injury Account which covers people with injuries caused by, or during, medical treatment. This is funded by both the Earners' and Non-Earners' Account depending on whether the person is employed.

The money that sits in each of these accounts can only be used for the purposes outlined for each account under section 166 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001 (the AC Act). How the funds in each account are sourced and applied is set out in legislation.

**The Government can take money from the Non-Earners' Account**

The Government can take money from ACC's accounts in accordance with the AC Act. Section 227 of the AC Act provides the application and source of funds for the Non-Earners' Account, including that the funds for the account are to come from the Government. Section 227 also states under 227(4) that the

Minister for ACC may direct ACC to repay the Government any surplus funds held in the Non-Earners' Account. Further information on this can be found through [legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2001/0049/latest/DLM99494.html](https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2001/0049/latest/DLM99494.html).

As the AC Act is available to view publicly online, we have not reproduced it here. This decision is made under section 18(d) of the Act.

**The Government has not obtained money from ACC's accounts**

The governments named in your request did not obtain any money from ACC's accounts and as such there are no funds outstanding.

We are therefore declining this part of your request as the information does not exist. This decision is made under section 18(e) of the Act.

**How you can get in touch**

If you have any questions, you can email me at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

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