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Tēnā koe Julie

Time Extension of your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-011240

Thank you for your email of 19 May 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Separately, for each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, please provide the number of claims lodged with ACC for compensation for child (children aged 0 to 14 years inclusive) vehicle occupant fatality, that occurred during each of these years, and provide the outcome of each claim (if accepted and when) and the total cost of payments made by ACC, for child vehicle occupancy fatality for each year that the fatality occurred.

For clarification: the Ministry of Health reports that there were 8 child vehicle occupant fatalities of children aged 0 to 14 years of age (younger than 15) during 2012 .

Were 8 claims lodged with ACC for fatalities during 2012, and of the claims submitted, what was the outcome of each claim (for example whether the claim was declined and if accepted, when payments were made - the amount is not required), and for fatalities that happened during 2012, how much did ACC pay out (in total) to claimants for child vehicle occupant fatality? This would include if a claim for a fatality that year was accepted but not paid out until a subsequent year.

ACC needs extra time

The Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to 1 July 2021.

This extension is required because the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

How to contact us

Please contact me on Government.Services@acc.co.nz if you would like to talk about this letter. I will be happy to answer any questions or, if you have any concerns, work with you to resolve these.

If you are not happy with this extension, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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Sasha Wood

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