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Tēnā koe Ross

Time Extension of your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-011949

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Since roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine began, how many people have made a claim to ACC for injury or harm relating to side-effects from the vaccine?*
- *How many of these claimants have received, or will be receiving, compensation?*
- *What have been the most severe injuries or harm among all claimants (regarding side-effects from the vaccine)?*
- *In the 2014/2015 year, ACC paid \$742,370 for claims relating to vaccine injury or harm. This included \$692,176 for compensation. In respect of the highest individual payout for compensation, what was the injury or harm for which payment was made, and how much was paid to that individual?*
- *In the 2017/2018 year, ACC paid \$320,819 for claims relating to vaccine injury or harm. In respect of the highest individual payout for compensation, what was the injury or harm for which payment was made?*
- *In the 2006/07 year, ACC paid \$238,286 for claims relating to vaccine injury or harm. In respect of the highest individual payout for compensation, what was the injury or harm for which payment was made?*

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 Thursday 5 August 2021.

This extension is necessary because 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 get in contact

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 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 or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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