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Kia ora H Rogers

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-023764

Thank you for your email of 7 March 2023, asking for the following information about lump sum compensation payments made for accepted claims involving surgical mesh, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *The claims should have been made between 1 January 2017 to 1 March 2023.*
2. *I am seeking information on the lowest to highest lump sum compensation payments made by ACC in respect of the use of surgical mesh.*

Treatment injury data

A treatment injury is a personal injury caused as a result of seeking or receiving medical treatment from a registered health professional. To have cover for a treatment injury claim, the person must have suffered a personal injury, and there must be a clear causal link between the treatment and the injury, and the injury must not be a necessary part or ordinary consequence of the treatment.

To be eligible for a lump sum payment for their claim a client needs:

- a date of injury on or after 1 April 2002
- a whole person impairment rating of 10% or more.

Lump sum payments for mesh treatment injury claims

There are 55 surgical mesh claims (accepted for cover between 1 January 2017 and 1 March 2023) that have lump sum compensation payments made. To date, the total lump sum compensation payments made on these claims is \$878,245 (excluding GST). We have provided these payments in bands.

Payment Band	Accepted Claims
\$1,000 - \$5,000	12
\$5,000 - \$10,000	19
\$10,000 - \$30,000	16
\$30,000 - \$50,000	..
\$50,000- 100,000	<4
Total	55

This data was extracted on 14 March 2023 and could change if extracted again later.

Claim counts fewer than four

One value in the table only indicates that the number is less than 4 (denoted as <4). In another instance, a value is suppressed and shown as (.). This limits the potential for particular individuals, or matters specific to certain individuals, from being identified.

Withholding information in this way is necessary to protect our clients' privacy. This decision is made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In doing so, we have considered the public interest in making the information available and have determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect our clients' privacy.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public

ACC may decide to proactively release a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you can also contact the Ombudsman via info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

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