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Tēnā koe Anthony

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-015161

Thank you for your email of 8 November 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1/ Claims made for years 2005 - 2021 respectively for the condition pleural Mesothelioma in which Asbestos exposure is alleged to have been the most likely cause
- 2/ Claims Declined for years 2005 - 2021 respectively for the condition pleural Mesothelioma in which Asbestos exposure is alleged to have been the most likely cause
- 3/ Claims Accepted for years 2005 - 2021 respectively for the condition pleural Mesothelioma in which Asbestos exposure is alleged to have been the most likely cause
- 4/ Locations in New Zealand that the ACC have identified containing sufficient levels of asbestos to likely cause Pleural Mesothelioma
- 5/ Locations in New Zealand that the ACC have been informed about allegedly containing sufficient levels of asbestos to likely cause Pleural Mesothelioma but have declined to accept as sufficient levels to cause Pleural Mesothelioma

Data on Mesothelioma

Please see the table below which provides the total number of Mesothelioma claims, and cover decision by year.

Cover decisions on Mesothelioma claims

Financial Year	Accept	Decline	Total
2005/06	68	9	77
2006/07	99	11	110
2007/08	83	6	89
2008/09	87	5	92
2009/10	77	9	86
2010/11	61	6	67
2011/12	65	5	70
2012/13	67	10	77
2013/14	59	16	75
2014/15	78	13	91
2015/16	71	8	79
2016/17	77	10	87
2017/18	70	5	75
2018/19	77	7	84
2019/20	68	7	75
2020/21	81	7	88

Notes about the data

- This data has been provided by financial year, which is 1 July to 30 June.

- The claims in this table have been counted by the date that the claim was lodged with ACC. This can be immediately after the injury occurred or at any later date.
- An accepted claim with multiple injuries may include some injuries that have been declined cover. The decision used here is for the claim as a whole and not necessarily for the injury.
- Please note data prior to 2008 may be unreliable due to a change in claim management systems.
- Please note a claim will appear in this extract if it has been identified as a Gradual Process injury, and where the injury has been categorised as 'Lung Cancer/Mesothelioma-asbestos'.
- This data should be considered indicative only.
- Please note that this will include all lung cancer and mesothelioma claims.
- All claims in this extract have an asbestos flag on file however, without a manual review of claims, we are unable to confirm the true cause of the diagnosis.
- This data was extracted on 25 November 2021 and may be different if extracted at a later date.

Locations containing Asbestos

ACC does not collect information on locations in New Zealand where levels of asbestos would likely cause Pleural Mesothelioma. Therefore, we are refusing your request for this information as it does not exist. This decision is made under 18(e) of the Act.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can email me at 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 or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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