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Tēnā koe Erika

Thank you for writing to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on 26 January 2024, to request the following, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

- *Has MBIE compensated any employees or paid any benefits for "long term Covid" or for any "Covid-19 illnesses" or [paid] any long term benefits to your workers for covid-19 under this Accredited Employers program from ACC?*
- *If so, how many staff please for each category?*

To date through MBIE's COVID-19 response, no work-related injury or illness claims have been lodged under the Accredited Employer's Programme for MBIE workers related to COVID-19, due to either treatment injury (such as through a vaccination), long covid or any other post-viral syndrome.

Please note, ACC's Accredited Employers Programme is specifically for injuries that happen at work. Where a person is affected by illness or injury outside of work, these claims would be managed directly between that person and ACC, and MBIE would not be involved.

Thank you again for writing to MBIE. Under section 28 of the OIA, you have the right to refer my response to an Ombudsman for review. You can find more information about how to do this by calling 0800 802 602, or by emailing info@ombudsmam.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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