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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-028855

Thank you for your email of 2 and 6 November 2023, to [REDACTED] Resolution Specialist, asking for the following information:

- *definition of a Covid vaccine related injury and examples of claims that have been accepted.*
- *definition of diagnosis that ACC requires to accept a Vaccine related injury claim and a clear definition (and example) or the required wording and content that ACC requires.*

Due to the nature of your request, it was transferred to OIA Services for response under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

ACC can consider vaccine-related injuries as treatment injury claims

In terms of a definition, ACC can approve cover for vaccine-related injury if it meets the definition of a treatment injury. This is provided under section 32 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001, available at: www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2001/0049/latest/whole.html?search=sw_096be8ed81dc4b8b_certificate_25_se&p=1#DLM100983

Accepted COVID-19 vaccine claims and information available online

ACC has published data on COVID-19 vaccine treatment injury claims on its website. This includes data on the types of COVID-19 vaccine related injuries that ACC has covered. The latest data was published in October 2023, and can be accessed at: www.acc.co.nz/assets/oia-responses/covid-19-vaccination-claims-refresh-october-2023.pdf

The 'Accepted Injuries' and 'Declined Reasons' tables in this information may be of interest to you. Please also see information about Treatment Injury claims on the last page.

Further information on COVID 19 vaccination claims

We have also published other OIA responses about COVID-19 on our website, including the following: www.acc.co.nz/assets/oia-responses/covid-19-vaccine-injuries-oia-response-GOV-016216.pdf - This response includes more detail about how ACC assesses Treatment Injuries. Our website also has pages on COVID 19 related claims (including for vaccinations), aimed at clients, businesses and treatment providers at www.acc.co.nz/covid-19/acc-information-about-covid-19/

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

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