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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-016457**

Thank you for your email of 26 January 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Are you collecting data on injuries reported to ACC secondary to the covid -19 vaccine?*
- *Do you have any pre injury strategy for the public regarding covid-19 vaccines?*

**COVID-19 vaccine injury data published online**

We have recently published COVID-19 vaccine injury data on the ACC website, here:

<https://www.acc.co.nz/assets/oia-responses/IPA5361-Covid-Vaccination-Claims-Refresh-Jan22.pdf>.

This data includes a breakdown of COVID-19 vaccine injury claims, for claims lodged with ACC between 18 February 2021 (when New Zealand began COVID-19 vaccinations) and 8 January 2022. On page 4, there is a breakdown of COVID-19 vaccine injury claims by Primary Injury. Please note that the data on the ACC website is updated on a monthly basis.

Also, on our website are the published OIAs on this topic which can be found here:

<https://www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12>.

**Pre-injury strategy for the public**

ACC does not have a *pre-injury strategy for the public*. However, we do have information available on our website about the COVID-19 vaccine and have contributed to the Ministry of Health's operating guidelines.

Treatment injury claims are submitted by health professionals. ACC's approach is to refer clients to the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 advice and information, inclusive of vaccination information, here:

<https://www.acc.co.nz/covid-19/acc-information-about-covid-19/>.

ACC has also contributed to the Ministry of Health operating guidelines which advises health professionals to submit treatment injury claims on behalf of the public if they believe a physical injury has occurred and the injuries may be covered.

**How to contact us**

If you have any questions, you can email me at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz).

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, ACC has decided 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 [here](#).

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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Sasha Wood

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