

20043 (2026). Mike Davidson to the **Minister for ACC** (22 May 2026): What is the amount of money that has been paid out for Fire and Emergency New Zealand firefighters, including volunteers, who made an ACC occupational cancer claim broken down by total number of claimants and average cost by year since 2023, if any.

Table 1: Number of claims paid and cost (excluding GST) of claims for covered cancer injuries in firefighters between 1 January 2023 and 21 May 2025.

Calendar year of payment				
Measure	2023	2024	2025	2026 YTD
Claims paid	54	63	68	29
Claims cost	\$968,818	\$1,792,815	\$1,880,542	\$932,279
Average cost per claim per year	\$17,941	\$28,457	\$27,655	\$32,148

Notes on data:

- This data includes accepted claims for firefighters which include a covered diagnosis of cancer that received support from ACC between 1 January 2023 and 21 May 2025. Claims are included if they received any direct claim costs in the period, regardless of when the claim was lodged or when the cancer injury was covered.
- Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) is an Accredited Employer, so they manage most work-related injury claims for their employees. FENZ supplies ACC with monthly data about the claims they manage. The figures in this report are sourced from both ACC and FENZ claim data. In some cases, a single claim may be in these data twice - one record supplied by FENZ while they managed the claim, and one from ACC's claim management system if ACC managed the claim after FENZ.
- Cancer claims have been identified where the injury description contains any of the following keywords: cancer, carcinoma, mesothelioma, leukemia or leukaemia, neoplasm, lymphoma, melanoma, sarcoma, myeloma, tumor or tumour, basal cell, basosquamous, squamous cell, ependymoma, mycosis fungoides, glioma, cytoma, blastoma, sezary syndrome.
- Because of limitations ACC claim data, the figures provided here may be incomplete. The most common occupation provided on claims for cancer-related injuries lodged in the last year is "retired". While ACC has also checked for mentions for fire fighter, fireman, or firewoman in the accident description and a few other data fields, some relevant claims can be missed if the claim isn't directly linked to FENZ and ACC can't find those terms in the occupation field or the accident description.
- Claims are counted in each year in which ACC made a payment.