

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER 17387**Table of the number of sensitive claims ACC approved, region by region, for the months of August, September, and October 2009**

Region	Number of sensitive claims approved by ACC		
	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2009
Northland	13	7	11
Auckland	48	45	33
Waikato	28	28	9
Bay of Plenty	28	20	12
Gisborne	3		3
Hawkes Bay	9	9	5
Taranaki	10	7	5
Manawatu-Wanganui	14	8	9
Wellington	27	18	13
Tasman	4	3	4
Nelson	5	3	4
Marlborough	3	3	3
Canterbury	33	56	16
West Coast	3	4	4
Otago	9	13	3
Southland	11	3	7
	246	224	135

NB: The decreased number of sensitive claims approved over this period is not reflective of the new Clinical Pathways, which were effective from 27 October 2009. Rather, the change in the number of sensitive claims approved by ACC is reflective of more robust cover determination processes instigated by the Sensitive Claims Unit in the year prior to the new Clinical Pathways.