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Tēnā koe Anthony

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-003634

Thank you for your email of 7 February 2020 asking for information about neuro-optometry. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Our responses to your questions are below.

1. *Can you please supply the contact at ACC or reference to ACC published information that supports this last paragraph in Issue 53"*

Your question refers to a newsletter published by the New Zealand Association of Optometrists (NZAO) on their website. We can advise that ACC was not involved in drafting this article, and consequently we are not aware of what the writer's sources of information might have been. For this reason, we are refusing this question under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by ACC.

2. *Where Neuro-optometry as a consequence of Concussion, is concerned, what date did the ACC last refresh themselves with evidence-based practice research"*

As we noted in our response to you via FYI of [26 November 2015](#), we consider that neuro-optometry refers to the use of optometric vision therapy techniques with patients who have visual impairment associated with neurological problems arising from a traumatic brain injury. We can advise that ACC last undertook an evidence-based review on this type of therapy in 2015.

You can view the report of this review, *Optometric vision therapy in rehabilitation of cognitive dysfunctions caused by traumatic brain injury* (the Report) on our website at this [link](#).

3. *Please supply the evidence-based practice research ACC used to assist in their last/current guidelines"*

The evidence based research you are seeking is publicly available on the reference page of the report at the link above. An earlier ACC report (from 2007) which is referenced, can be viewed at this [link](#). We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act.

Queries about this response

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

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 or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sasha Wood', written in a cursive style.

Sasha Wood

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