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Tēnā koe David

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-004163**

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2020, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I respectfully request in line with the Official Information Act 1982, the provision of an excel searchable spreadsheet containing all snowmed diagnostic codes.*

*In the event that ACC are using a system not supported by excel to search for snowmed codes within ACC, please supply a copy of the exact working searchable spreadsheet that ACC uses containing all snowmed diagnostic codes.*

**ACC is transitioning to SNOMED**

The New Zealand health and disability sector, including ACC, is transitioning to SNOMED Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT). Please note that the Ministry of Health is responsible for the administration of SNOMED CT in New Zealand. More information on this is available on Ministry's website at this [link](#).

ACC is able to accept claims that have been lodged using a SNOMED CT. The treatment provider who has lodged the claim selects the appropriate SNOMED CT, rather than ACC. We will then make a decision based on the available medical information, rather than on what SNOMED CT has been selected.

ACC does not hold all SNOMED CTs in any of our systems or in any form. There are nearly 350,000 of these codes, and these are owned and distributed by SNOMED International. We are therefore declining your request under section 18(g)(i) and (ii) of the Act. Having said this, I can advise that you can access some SNOMED CT diagnosis information from:

- ACC's website - you can download the SNOMED to Read Code translation table from this [page](#) of our website. This table comprises of over 12,000 SNOMED CTs and the closest matching Read Code equivalent.
- SNOMED International's website has a browser, at this [link](#), where you can search for SNOMED CTs.

**Queries about our response**

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