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Tēnā koe Anthony

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-015397**

Thank you for your email of 16/11/2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Terms of reference that Established Multi-Discipline Panel*
2. *Terms of reference used to select specialists that participated on the Panels*

On 23 November we emailed you to clarify whether you were referring to the External Medical Panel (The Panel) in your request. You replied on 23 November confirming that you were.

**Terms of reference**

Please find attached the terms of reference for the External Medical Panel, from 2014, which will address your request.

Additionally, we have located some wording from a 2015 draft document which will provide you with further information:

*“The Medical Assessments Project was established in April 2013 to explore opportunities for enhancing ACC’s medical assessment model. During the first phase of the project, a pilot was initiated to test the concept of external medical panels that would allow for the development of a medical opinion around diagnosis, causation and management to resolve areas of differing interpretation and arrive at a consensus opinion in cases of clinical complexity.”*

**Who to contact**

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

Nāku iti noa, nā



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