

2 September 2014

Mr Daniel Ryan
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Dear Mr Ryan

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 13 August 2014, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

The breakdown of ACC's spending on acupuncture, as far back as there are records available and could this breakdown of spending be split as follows; Head, Neck, Shoulders, Arms, Elbows, Wrists, Hands, Spinal, Torso, Hips, Legs, Knees, Ankles and Feet.

The table below provides information of ACC's spending on acupuncture from the 2002/03 financial year. ACC is unable to provide this spending broken down by body parts as ACC does not specifically capture this data. Acupuncture costs are registered against a claim and one claim can involve multiple body parts. Therefore, this part of your request is declined. This decision complies with section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain it does not exist.

Cost excluding GST by Financial Year – (1 July to 30 June)

Financial Year	Acupuncture
2002/03	\$4,748,029
2003/04	\$4,424,458
2004/05	\$5,452,119
2005/06	\$5,954,239
2006/07	\$7,616,042
2007/08	\$12,392,494
2008/09	\$15,761,415
2009/10	\$15,605,042
2010/11	\$16,225,902
2011/12	\$16,958,808
2012/13	\$19,961,329
2013/14	\$24,056,805

Please note on 7 August 2014, ACC released, via the FYI website, information on acupuncture spend by injury diagnosis, this may also be of interest to you.

We are happy to answer your questions

If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, I will be happy to work with you to resolve these. I can be contacted via email at Koleti.Vae'au@acc.co.nz.

If you are still not happy, you may make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman. You can call them on 0800 802 602, 9am to 5pm weekdays, or write to:

The Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10 152
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Yours sincerely



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