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Dear Mr Hanna

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your Official Information Act request of 1 December 2014 which follows on from ACC's response to you on 3 September 2014. You have asked for the following information:

"I would like to reiterate my request to be provided with copies of or links to all literature reviews regarding the effectiveness of acupuncture for any condition undertaken by ACC. For the sake of clarity, I would like to be explicit that this includes both reviews that looked at several treatment options including acupuncture, and reviews that were commissioned by ACC as well as those directly undertaken by ACC."

A Systematic review of the literature on the 'Effectiveness of acupuncture for the treatment and rehabilitation of accident-related musculoskeletal disorders', which was undertaken by the New Zealand Health Technology Assessment (NZHTA), can be found on their website.

The ACC Research unit produces a range of evidence based healthcare reports for ACC and these can be found on ACC's website via the following link:
<http://www.acc.co.nz/about-acc/research-sponsorship-and-projects/research-and-development/evidence-based-healthcare-reports/index.htm>

In addition a full list of ACC Clinical practice guidelines developed or commissioned by the ACC Research Unit can also be found on ACC's website via the following link:
<http://www.acc.co.nz/about-acc/research-sponsorship-and-projects/research-and-development/WPC096922>

The two links to ACC's website contain the most up to date and accurate list of evidence based healthcare reports. ACC does not hold any other information that has not been published. Therefore, ACC declines to provide this information as it is publicly available. This decision complies with section 18(d) of the Act.

ACC is happy to answer your questions

If you have any questions or concerns, we will be happy to work with you to resolve these. We can be contacted via email at GovernmentServices@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, WELLINGTON 6143.

Yours sincerely

Government Services Team