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Kia ora Anthony

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-032060

Thank you for your email of 29 April 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Concussion Research Costs and Funding to Mātai Medical Research Institute for Respective years 2021 to date*
2. *Numbers of ACC-funded MRI Brain scans in 2021 to date*
3. *Total Costs for travel to those scans in 2021 to date*

Our response

From 2021 to date, ACC has not provided Mātai Medical Research Institute with concussion research costs or funding.

The table below shows the number and cost of all ACC funded MRI brain scans provided under ACC's High Tech Imaging Services contract and estimated travel cost for those services from 2021 to date.

Calendar year	MRI brain scans	Cost of MRI brain scans	Estimated travel cost
2021	1,702	\$1,318,075	\$26,904
2022	1,591	\$1,253,981	\$25,527
2023	1,750	\$1,379,743	\$20,035
2024 YTD	583	\$462,846	\$5,153

Notes about the data provided.

- ACC funded client travel is not directly linked in ACC's payments system to other funded services, e.g. brain MRI scans. Because of this, ACC cannot accurately provide the cost for travel specifically for travel to MRI brain scans. Therefore, we have estimated the cost by finding ACC funded client travel that occurred on the same day as an ACC funded MRI brain service for the same claim.
- Data does not include payments or travel costs paid by Accredited Employers for claims they manage.
- Costs are exclusive of GST.
- Data were extracted on 17 May 2024 and may differ if rerun later.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

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