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Dear Mr Hanna

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your request of 13 August 2015 asking for information around the development of the Acupuncture Treatment Profiles. On 10 October 2015, ACC advised you that an additional 25 days was required in order to consider your request.

You asked for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act)

- 1. All documents and correspondence pertaining to the development of the Acupuncture Treatment Profiles document available here
http://www.acc.co.nz/PRD_EXT_CSMP/groups/external_providers/documents/guide/wim2_059359.pdf*
- 2. Any correspondence about acupuncture or other alternative modalities between ACC and Dr David St George, since he took up the position of the Ministry of Health's Chief Advisor of Integrative Health.*

Work on the Acupuncture Treatment Profiles first began in 1998. Due to this, there is a vast number of documents and correspondence that may fall within the scope of your request.

We have identified a number of locations within our electronic archives where related documents appear to have been stored. However, due to the number of documents that would need to be individually reviewed and considered for release, we estimate that more than 60 hours of additional work would be required. These archives could also contain correspondence between ACC and Dr David St George, however, our initial search has not located any documents of this kind.

Due to the above considerations, ACC is declining your request because the requested information cannot be made available without substantial collation and research. This decision complies with section 18 (f) of the Act.

If you are still interested in these documents, we would be happy to assist you in refining your request. Please contact the Government Services team at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz, with your contact details, and we will get in touch with you to discuss how we could assist you in identifying the documents that most interest you.

You also have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman about our decision to decline your request for information. You can call them on 0800 802 602 between 9am and 5pm on weekdays, or write to *The Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143*.

Yours sincerely

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