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Dear Mr Hanna

Official Information Act 1982

On 11 March 2016, you asked for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act):

For accepted ACC claims involving acupuncture treatment in the 2014/15 financial year, please provide the following categorised by read code:

- Number of accepted claims
- Cost of treatment

ACC's response

Please find attached the following information

- Claim numbers and costs associated with acupuncture funding, by primary read code of claim

In case it assists, we have also included the information below, to provide a clearer picture of claims where acupuncture has been funded.

- Claim numbers and costs associated with acupuncture funding, by primary body site of claim
- Claim numbers and costs associated with acupuncture funding, by primary diagnosis of claim

Read codes

The read code information provided in this response records the primary read code of every claim that has received a payment for acupuncture treatment. As you aware, there can be more than one read code under a single claim.

The read code information alone does not indicate how acupuncture was used in individual claims, because it is not possible to determine whether acupuncture was used in relation to the primary read code or some other read code on the claim. This would only be possible by reviewing individual claims. This is also the case with the primary body site and primary diagnosis information provided. Please take this into account when considering the data provided.

Further notes on the data

Please note the following:

- Data in **table one** is based on the primary read code
- Data in **table two** is based on the primary body site
- Data in **table three** is based on the primary diagnosis
- Costs exclude GST

- Costs are based on payment date
- The values <4 and <\$500 are used to protect the privacy of individual clients.

Please contact me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely

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