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Mr Carwyn Walsh  
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Dear Mr Walsh

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 29 April 2016, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*Specific information around what funds you have provided to the Thursdays in Black campaign/Tertiary Women New Zealand. Have you provided funds as part of research grants? The timeline I am interested in starts from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and runs until the end of this year (2016). I am requesting this information for an investigative piece which looks into taxpayer funding of student groups.*

ACC apologises for the unforeseen delay in responding to your request.

#### Our response

ACC's Violence portfolio develops and invests in initiatives which support safe, healthy and respectful relationships for young people 0 to 25 years of age. ACC is looking to form partnerships with others, who are interested in violence prevention, to work together to extend the reach and impact of initiatives which support young people to have healthy and respectful relationships.

ACC supported the launch of the Thursdays in Black (TIB) campaign on Tertiary campuses during 2016. The weekly campaign was coordinated by the Tertiary Women's Group in conjunction with New Zealand University Students' Association (NZUSA). As part of ACC's violence portfolio, this was an opportunity to reach people in the high risk age group of 18 to 24.

ACC contributed to the following aspects of the campaign:

- Coordination and training of students on tertiary campuses to be advocates for the Thursdays in Black campaign
- Production and distribution of TIB merchandise and resources to tertiary students
- Production and maintenance of a social media presence for the TIB campaign

ACC's support also included funding for the NZUSA to run 12 'Training the Trainers' sessions, where they have trained up to 144 student advocates to continue to deliver consent based education to other students on campus. ACC's total contribution to the campaign was \$64,590 excluding GST.

**Queries and concerns**

If you have any questions about the information provided, I will be happy to work with you to resolve these. I can be contacted via email at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz).

You also have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman about ACC's delay with responding to your request. You can call them on 0800 802 602, 9am to 5pm weekdays, or write to:

The Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10 152  
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

**Government Services Team**