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Lee M

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Dear Lee M

Thank you for your email of 9 May 2016 about assistance with the costs of participation in alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Although you have not requested any official information as such I am happy to respond to the issue you have raised.

You are correct that the Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation (Review Costs and Appeals) Regulations 2002 only apply to participation in the legislated ACC review process and not to the recently established ADR process.

The ADR initiative is intended to ensure that when disputes arise, ACC claimants are heard, and disputes are resolved as quickly and constructively as possible. As part of this I have been advised that cost issues are considered as part of the process on a case by case basis.

I have forwarded a copy of your email and my response to my officials at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment for their information.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nikki Kaye  
Minister for ACC