

9 June 2016

Mr David Lawson  
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Dear Mr Lawson

### Official Information Act 1982 – Notification of Time Extension

Thank you for your request, seeking information on the following matter from 22 May 2016. Our response in due course will be provided on the following:

*I am respectfully requesting that ACC Government Services return to me the following Official Information for the past 8 calendar reporting years in respect of Dr Gordon Howie and ACC's contractual arrangements, and level of annual remuneration that Dr Gordon Howie has received for the following services;*

*1. The annual remuneration in bands of \$25,000 that Dr Gordon Howie has received from ACC in terms of;*

*a) contracted ACC work that involves ACC clients being referred to Dr Howie for any and all medical assessment,*

*b) representing ACC at either ACC review and or ACC District Court appeals,*

*c) any and all other (please specify) contracted work for ACC.*

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*Please specify the scope of all assessments and contracted work that Dr Gordon Howie had contracted arrangements with ACC, either in place and or pending as at 1 July 2014.*

*It would be welcomed if you could also provide to me copies of these contracts, that include Dr Howie's contractual obligation's to his client's/patient's to have to inform them prior to assessment that Dr Howie may have perceived conflicting interests in assessing on behalf of ACC, persons with disability, injury and illness.*

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*It would also be appreciated if you could specify the scope of all assessments and contracted work that Dr Gordon Howie has contracted arrangements with ACC to currently perform, or has pending as at today's date. It would be welcomed if you could also provide to me copies of these contracts, that include Dr Howie's contractual obligation's to his client's/patient's to have to inform them prior to*

*assessment that Dr Howie may have perceived conflicting interests in assessing on behalf of ACC, persons with disability, injury and illness.*

Due to the need for consultation in relation to your various questions, we need additional time to complete our response. Accordingly, ACC has extended the date for response to 30 June 2016. This extension complies with Section 15A of the Official Information Act 1982.

If you have any questions about this extension please contact us at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz).

If you are still not happy, you may make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman. 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**