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Dear Mr Lawson

Official Information Act Request

We refer to your email of 22 April 2017, in which you seek information relating to read codes, ICDICD-10 codes, and ACC identifiers for medical specialties.

Questions one to five

ACC's website dedicates a page to read codes (www.acc.co.nz/for-providers/lodge-and-manage-claims/PRV00037), which provides a link to the document ACC6343 Read Code reference list. This document was last updated in February 2012.

The World Health Organisation website provides a list of the 10th edition of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) (apps.who.int/classifications/icd10/browse/2016/en). This edition was first endorsed in 1990.

We are therefore declining this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

Questions six, seven, and eight

ACC's Medical Fees Processing system (MFP) is used to manage the database of providers. Every provider registered with ACC is assigned a vocational classification, in accordance with their professional registration. For the medical professions your request refers to, the relevant classifications in MFP are:

- 'Neurosurgeon'
- 'Orthopaedic Surgeon'
- 'Internal Medicine Specialist' (with a speciality of 'Neurology')

Queries or concerns

If you have any questions about the information provided, ACC will be happy to work with you to answer these. Please address any concerns by emailing GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz or in writing to *Government Services, PO Box 242, Wellington 6140*.

You have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman about our decision. 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
Government Services