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Dear Mr Hanna

Thank you for your email of 11 September 2017, asking for clarification about the figures for costs and claims involving acupuncture treatment which ACC provided you on 4 September 2017. We apologise if our previous reply was confusing and caused you any inconvenience.

We have reviewed all previous responses that ACC has provided which include reference to the treatment costs for acupuncture. The way tables 1 and 2 below were calculated means you can create a consistent time series with data ACC previously provided. It is based on 'Accepted' claims rather than 'New' claims.

We developed Table 3 to show the cost of treatment data for acupuncture only, for each financial year from 2002/03 to 2016/17, based on a consistent calculation involving accepted claims.

Please note the following when using the data provided:

- Accepted claims include new claims for a year and claims lodged in a previous year but with a payment in the later year.
- A claim can be counted in more than one year.
- A person may have more than one claim.
- Costs are based on the date of payment, which may differ to the date the treatment was delivered.
- Costs are GST exclusive.
- ACC's financial year is from 1 July to 30 June.
- The 2015/16 and 2016/17 data was extracted on 30 September 2017 and may differ if re-run at a later date.

Table 1. Treatment costs for accepted claims, 2015/16

Treatment provider group	Cost of treatments, \$	Claim count
Acupuncturists	30,235,400	77,731
Chiropractors	16,005,865	108,649
Osteopaths	14,502,608	105,369
Physiotherapists	114,306,404	645,806

Table 2. Treatment costs for accepted claims, 2016/17

Treatment provider group	Cost of treatments, \$	Claim count
Acupuncturists	33,242,479	83,510
Chiropractors	16,194,483	111,492
Osteopaths	15,009,457	108,787
Physiotherapists	117,408,341	654,341

Table 3. Total paid for acupuncture treatments for accepted claims, by year

Financial year	Cost of acupuncture treatments, \$
2002/03	4,748,029
2003/04	4,424,458
2004/05	5,452,119
2005/06	5,954,239
2006/07	7,616,042
2007/08	12,392,494
2008/09	15,761,415
2009/10	15,605,042
2010/11	16,225,902
2011/12	16,958,808
2012/13	19,961,329
2013/14	24,056,805
2014/15	26,388,572
2015/16	30,235,400
2016/17	33,242,479

If you have any questions about the information provided, we can be contacted via email at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

Yours sincerely

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