

19 July 2013

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Dear Ms Webster

Here is the information we can provide

Thank you for your second request of 11 June 2013, asking for information in regards to specific Medical Assessors, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). In your first request of 17 April 2013, you wrote:

“The Sensitive Claims Unit have a select group of psychiatrists that claimants are sent to for assessments. How many assessments this year have scu claimants been sent to Dr John Collier, Dr Jan Reeves, Dr Cheryl Broneck, Dr Anthony Asteriadis all known as terminator psychiatrists?”

ACC on that occasion declined your request in compliance with section 18(e) of the Act, as ACC does not contract “terminator psychiatrists”.

In reply to that response you made your current request, in which you wrote:

“I would like to remove the word terminator from my request above. Would you please provide a table in bands of the number of assessments the psychiatrists have carried out over a 3 year period.”

Please find ACC’s reply below:

1. Dr Anthony Asteradis & Dr Cheryl Broneck

You asked for the number of assessments completed by Dr Anthony Asteradis and Dr Cheryl Broneck over the last three years:

	2010	2011	2012	2013*
Dr Anthony Asteradis	6	<4	<4	-
Dr Cheryl Broneck	32	52	26	<4

*As of 7 June 2013

The number of assessments does not directly correspond to the number of clients. A client may have had multiple assessments over this time period.

2. Dr Jan Reeves & Dr John Collier

ACC consulted with the medical assessors in this request. Drs Reeves and Collier raised credible and serious safety concerns if the information were released. The health and safety of its medical assessors is a serious matter for ACC. Therefore, it is unable to provide the information because it would prejudice the safety of Dr’s Reeves and Collier. This decision complies with section 9(2)(c) of the Act.

Note that ACC uses a number of psychiatrists as medical assessors for its sensitive claims unit.

We're happy to answer your questions

Please email me at Daniel.James@acc.co.nz if you would like to discuss the information provided. ACC will be happy to answer any questions or, if you have any concerns, work with you to resolve these.

If you're 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. James', written over a faint horizontal line.

Daniel James
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