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Tēnā koe Anthony

**Time Extension of your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-006788**

Thank you for your email of 10/09/2020, asking for the following information, relating to the External Medical Panel (EMP), under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Expenses per Panel Hearing including Airfares, Taxi and Travel costs from March 2018 to date*
- *Expenses per Panel Hearing for Meals from March 2018 to date*
- *Expenses per Panel Hearing for Accommodation (day or overnight) from March 2018 to date*
- *Expenses per Panel Hearing for Fees (Collectively) Invoiced by Panel Members from March 2018 to date*

**ACC needs extra time**

The Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to 22 October 2020.

This extension is necessary because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of historical information and consultations with key stakeholders are necessary before we can make a decision on your request. As such, a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

**Who to contact**

Please contact me on [Government.Services@acc.co.nz](mailto:Government.Services@acc.co.nz) if you would like to talk about this letter. I will be happy to answer any questions or, if you have any concerns, work with you to resolve these.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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