

20 May 2014

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Dear Gold

Here is the information you asked for

Thank you for your request of 23 April 2014 requesting how much ACC has spent over the last ten years for alternative therapies, such as; Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Osteopathic and Naturopathic services. ACC is pleased to provide some of this information to you under the Official Information Act 1982.

The following table shows the total amount (in dollars, excl GST) ACC has paid under Regulations for Osteopathic, Acupuncture and Chiropractic services for the last 10 years.

Financial Year	\$ cost			
	Osteopathy	Acupuncture	Chiropractic	Total
2003/04	6,210,642	4,424,458	8,056,875	18,691,975
2004/05	6,767,849	5,452,119	8,007,011	20,226,979
2005/06	7,237,766	5,954,239	7,947,342	21,139,347
2006/07	8,038,676	7,616,042	8,734,453	24,389,171
2007/08	10,082,351	12,392,494	12,007,570	34,482,415
2008/09	10,945,880	15,761,415	13,173,902	39,881,197
2009/10	10,470,269	15,605,042	11,804,095	37,879,406
2010/11	9,802,401	16,225,902	10,832,912	36,861,215
2011/12	10,029,446	16,958,808	11,654,292	38,642,546
2012/13	10,964,806	19,961,329	12,312,832	43,238,967

ACC relies on medical professionals to determine the best course of treatment and must act in accordance with its governing legislation when providing any entitlement. ACC is only able to provide cover if medical evidence is provided to support the claim.

Naturopath is not an ACC funded service; therefore your request for this information is declined under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

ACC is happy to answer your questions

Please contact me at, koletivae'au@acc.co.nz if you have any queries in relation to the information ACC has provided.

If you're unhappy with ACC's response, you may make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman. 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



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