

7 August 2014

Mr M Honeychurch
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Dear Mr Honeychurch

Official Information Act Request

I refer to your request of 17 July 2014, asking for information, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), relating to ACC payments for acupuncture.

You requested a breakdown of spending by condition, using categories taken from ACC's Injury Statistics Tool.

Please find this information enclosed in the attached appendix.

You also requested a breakdown of spending based on the treatment used from ACC's Acupuncture Treatment Profiles document.

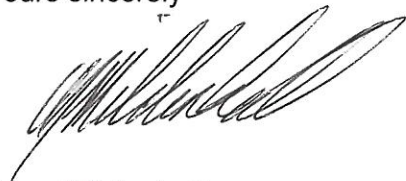
ACC is unable to provide a breakdown of the different treatment modalities as there is only one generic service code for acupuncture treatment. To provide this information would require reviewing individual claim files and involve substantial collation or research. This decision complies with section 18(f) of the Act.

Please contact me on anna.mildenhall@acc.co.nz if you have any questions about this letter.

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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Encl: Appendix 1 – Acupuncture spend by injury diagnosis