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Dear Mr Jordan

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your emails of 30 and 31 July 2014, requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have asked ACC to provide information about peer reviewers and senior peer reviewers for the period between 1995 and 2014. In particular you have asked for:

1. The names and amounts paid to senior/peer reviewers;
2. Their respective qualifications and scope of practice while working in such roles;
3. Guidelines provided to senior/peer reviewers and a copy of their respective job descriptions; and
4. The differences in the type of work that each undertake.

Please note that ACC is entitled to treat, as a single request, two or more requests from the same person that are about similar subject matter, and are received in short succession. Given the similarities in the nature of the information you have requested, ACC has decided to combine your requests of 30 and 13 July 2014, and will provide a single response to both requests.

However, at this time ACC is unable to identify the details you want from the way in which you have worded your request because the Corporation does not employ anyone in a position named "peer reviewer" or "senior peer reviewer". However, ACC has identified that peer review does form part of the assessment process when assessing complex applications for independence allowance or lump sum entitlements. However, without more specific information, about the type of peer review work you are interested in, ACC is unable to make a decision under the Act.

On that basis, please clarify:

- The nature of the work/employees (for example position titles) you believe to be undertaking and/or undergoing peer review.
- The context in which you understand that peer review to occur at ACC.

Once ACC receives this additional information from you, and is satisfied that the requirements of section 12 have been met, ACC will acknowledge the request and begin to consider its decision under the Act. The 20 working days for making a decision on your request will begin from the day ACC receives the particulars of your request.

If you are not happy with ACC's response, you may make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can call them on 0800 802 602, 9am to 5pm weekdays, or write to:

The Office of the Ombudsmen
P O Box 10 152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Lewis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephanie Lewis
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