

13 September 2013

Mr Anthony Jordan
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Dear Mr Jordan

Official Information Act Request

I refer to your request of 9 April 2013, in which you requested information about the travel costs charged to ACC by Dr John Collier. ACC declined to release this information due to privacy reasons. However, ACC did provide the total travel costs of providers who hold the same contracts as Dr Collier.

ACC has since been notified of a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman regarding ACC's decision on your request.

On further reflection, ACC concludes that travel expenses and related costs are not personal income but a reimbursement of costs already incurred. Therefore, ACC has decided to release the relevant information.

Your email dated 9 April 2013 requested:

- *Please disclose the following information where possible*
 - *Travel expenses and related costs for travel from 2003 to date charged to or paid for by the ACC*

The table below outlines Dr Collier's travel expenses and related costs from the 2006/07 financial year to 26 March 2013. ACC is unable to provide reliable data prior to 2006 without involving substantial collation or research. This decision is made pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

Year	\$ cost
2006/07	4,441
2007/08	10,872
2008/09	6,545
2009/10	15,015
2010/11	20,443
2011/12	62,228
2012/13 to 26 March 2013	2,902

Please note, the figures above encompass travel and related costs Dr Collier incurred for all the contracts he holds with ACC. These will include impairment assessments for physical, head and mental injuries, as well as clinical psychiatric services and assessments.

ACC reimburses a provider's travel and associated costs incurred, when they are requested to travel to outlying areas that are not within their usual area of residence or practice. These costs can include air or road travel, accommodation and room hire. The amounts payable are prescribed in a provider's contract with ACC.

I trust this information has now fulfilled your request. Please contact me at anna.mildenhall@acc.co.nz if you would like to discuss the information ACC has provided.

If you are 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
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Yours sincerely



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