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Dear Anthony

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: 0053785**

Thank you for your email of 26 February 2019, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *ACC Board of Directors Awareness to Disabilities, Consequences of Disabilities and Cultural Sensitivities/Needs are Satisfactory;*
2. *What requirements of Medical knowledge and Cultural representation is there to be on the Board;*
3. *When was the last discussion for an Opportunity for a Claimant Representative on the Board;*
4. *What percentage of the Board have a Clinical Background and/or Personal Experience(s) that pertains to Concussion;*
5. *What Percentage of the Board have Maori Ancestry and/or a New Zealand qualification in Maori Tikanga.*

**Part of the information you asked is publicly available**

I'm refusing part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act because the information is publicly available. You asked us about Board appointments process, selection criteria and the qualification and background of our current board members. These can be found on the internet. Below I have included some information that I trust you will find helpful.

**The ACC Board is appointed by the Minister under section 28(1)(a) of the Crown Entities Act 2004**

Section 28 and 29 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 sets out the method and the criteria for appointments or recommendations of members. Section 30 sets out the qualification of members and section 31 outlines the requirements before appointment. You will find this information via the following link: <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2004/0115/132.0/DLM329631.html>.

**The Treasury provides advice in relation to the boards**

The Treasury's Commercial Operations group provides advice to Shareholding Ministers and Responsible Ministers on candidates suitable for appointment to the boards of entities such as State-owned enterprises, the Crown financial institutions, other Crown entity companies and statutory entities.

The Treasury operates an online database where candidates can express an interest in board positions, and upload and maintain their curriculum vitae.

More detailed information can be found on their website <https://treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/commercial-portfolio-and-advice/board-appointments>.

**Information about ACC Board Members is publicly available**

You can find this information on the ACC website via the following link: <https://www.acc.co.nz/about-us/who-we-are/acc-board/>. The website will provide you with relevant qualifications and background on each of the current Board Members.

**Some of the information you requested does not exist or is not held by ACC**

ACC does not hold the information you are seeking about its Board Member's awareness of disabilities, consequences of disabilities and cultural sensitivities. We do not have any documentation that outlines their specific understanding of these issues and we don't believe the information is held by another department or organisation. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act.

**We are happy to answer your questions**

If you have any questions, you can email me at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz).

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.

Yours sincerely



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