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Tēnā koe Anthony

Time Extension of your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-013320

Thank you for your email of 9 August 2021 asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Names of Clinicians who have been Contracted by the ACC to attend External Medical Panel meetings for the purpose of perusing Claimants files and providing a Subsequent report (Since its establishment in December 2013)*
2. *Scope of Practice the ACC believes they are qualified to consult and make Subsequent Opinions*
3. *Scope of Practice the ACC believes they are qualified to consult and make Subsequent Diagnosis at such a meeting*
4. *Names of Panels Members used, by the ACC, to comment on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury/Concussion related files*
5. *Documentation provided to the ACC that would indicate those Panel members were appropriately qualified to consult in Mild Traumatic Brain Injury/Concussion issues*

ACC needs extra time

The Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to 27 September.

This extension is necessary because the consultations required to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

Who to contact

Please contact me on Government.Services@acc.co.nz if you would like to talk about this letter. I will be happy to answer any questions or, if you have any concerns, work with you to resolve these.

If you are not happy with this extension, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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