

15 July 2024

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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-033266

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. How much money in total in each of the last three years has ACC provided to cover Rongoā Māori services?
2. Please break down each years' figure into how much of this funding, went into:
 - mirimiri (bodywork)
 - rākau rongoā (native flora herbal preparations)
 - karakia (prayer)
 - Others

(Question 1) Costs for Rongoā services paid between 29 June 2020 and 19 June 2024 broken down by calendar year.

Payment Calendar Year	Costs
2020 (Partial)	\$253,616
2021	\$1,024,089
2022	\$1,879,283
2023	\$4,641,824
2024 (YTD)	\$2,885,751
Total	\$10,684,562

Notes about the data

- Rongoā Māori services were first offered in June 2020.
- Rongoā services are identified where a payment was made under 'MTH10: Rongoā - Traditional Māori Healing,' 'MTH10T: Rongoā - Traditional Māori Healing,' via telehealth, or within the Rongoā Māori Services for Maternal Birth Injury contract.
- Rongoā services are counted within the 'Support for Independence - Other service type.'
- This data was extracted 20 June 2024 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

(Question 2) Breakdown of rongoā services

Rongoā Māori is a holistic service guided by what the practitioner thinks the client needs. The specific services provided are determined on a case-by-case basis.

We are refusing to provide this information under section 18(f) of the Act, as it would take a substantial amount of time to collate. ACC would have to manually review each claim where rongoā Māori services have been provided and determine what type or types of services were provided.

We considered extending the timeframe to respond and charging (as allowed under the Act). However, it was determined that the resources required to extract the data would have a significant impact on the everyday functions of the team(s) involved.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public

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