

most of the cost of counselling of the victim, but not of other family members. However, in some cases involving young children, there may be considerable benefit from a parent attending some of the counselling sessions with the child and this is accepted as part of counselling for the child. There is no provision in the legislation for ACC to pay compensation to the parents for time off work to attend interviews, court proceedings and briefings, nor to provide childcare. We do provide childcare and household help where the injured person is an adult who is unable to undertake their normal activities. This does not apply in the situation where the injured person is a child, though we may pay for "attendant care" for an injured child. Incidentally, your comment that there are no regulations to cover this type of situation as being the reason why we cannot provide assistance is incorrect. There are interim regulations in force authorising both household help and child care and the suggestion that the fact that some regulations (which affect other aspects of social rehabilitation) have not been passed is not relevant in the case of sexual abuse.

For cases involving sexual abuse prior to 1 July 1992, there is still provision for lump sum compensation under the 1982 Act. However, this is only available where the claim for cover is lodged with ACC by 30 September 1992 and a request for consideration of lump sum payment is received by 31 March 1993. The provision for lump sums in cases of sexual abuse, relate to a provision for compensation for pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life. There is provision for payment of a lump sum up to the maximum of \$10,000 under this provision. The lump sum must be applied for the maintenance, education, advancement or benefit of the child.

There are three ACC branches in the Christchurch metropolitan area:

Christchurch Branch
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 PO Box 13-350
 Christchurch
 Phone 379-1405
 Branch Manager: Bill McDonald

Papanui Branch
 18 Winston Avenue
 PO Box 5293
 Christchurch
 Phone 355-6699
 Branch Manager: Doris McLennan

Riccarton Branch
 Church Corner
 398 Riccarton Road
 PO Box 6037
 Christchurch
 Branch Manager: Phil Riley

Please feel free to contact any of the branch managers or the District Manager, Ken Judd (who is on a special project but who has an acting District Manager, Max Willyams), phone 365-4304.

I hope that these comments are useful. I am certain that my staff will do all to help.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.R. Hutton". The signature is stylized and cursive.

D.R. Hutton
GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS