



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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31 MAY 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

On 7 May 2018, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the number of new placements into work that Career Moves Trust made in the last financial year.

The Ministry contracts Career Moves Trust to provide Supported Employment Services (the Service). The Service supports clients with a disability or health condition to gain sustainable employment and move closer to financial independence. This is achieved through the provision of employment-related case management, placement into open and inclusive employment, and any required on-going support aligned with the client's Individual Employment Plan.

The Service assists clients to find or return to sustainable employment as quickly as possible, aligning with sector best practice. This is consistent with the evidence that there are improvements in people's health and wellbeing when they are engaged in appropriate employment with the right support.

The target group for the Service is people receiving Jobseeker Support or Supported Living Payment (or Sole Parent Support) registered with Work and Income, who are willing to undertake part or full-time employment, but face barriers to gaining and retaining employment because of a disability or health condition.

Career Moves Trust has a current Employment Service Agreement to provide services for up to 65 people in Hamilton.

In the 2017 fiscal year Career Moves Trust had the same contracted volume, and made a total of 31 placements into employment and provided on-going support to an additional 29 people. On-going support is available for as long as the person needs it to retain their employment, but is agreed between the person and Career Moves Trust on a case by case basis.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social

Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response concerning Career Moves Trust, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Edwards', is positioned above the typed name.

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