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Dear

On 9 July 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Please provide the details on how non-government social agencies (who were funded in the past by MSD for building financial capability services) can gain access to funding through the Building Financial Capability services.*

As part of Budget 2020, the Building Financial Capability (BFC) services received a \$35 million investment over four years to maintain the BFC services delivered by organisations currently contracted by the Ministry.

Of the total investment, \$9.7 million will go towards addressing cost pressures and will increase general funding to enable an approximate 20 percent increase to the rates for Financial Mentoring, MoneyMates and BFC Plus (Kahukura service). This funding has been allocated across the 131 organisations currently contracted by the Ministry to deliver BFC services.

The remaining \$25.2 million will be used to support existing BFC providers delivering Financial Mentoring, MoneyMates, BFC Plus (Kahukura service) and micro-finance services to become more financially sustainable and respond more readily to increased demand of individuals and families/whanau that may need help due to the economic impact of COVID-19.

At this stage, the Ministry has not identified the need for any additional providers to deliver these services and therefore procurement is not intended at this time. The Ministry will continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 and work with the sector to determine the best way to support existing BFC providers to meet areas of demand.

Funding allocation for the BFC services is outlined in the Ministry's Budget 2020 factsheet. As such, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act as the information requested is publicly available. You can find this information at the following link: [www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/factsheets/budget/2020/sustaining-building-financial-capability-services.pdf](http://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/factsheets/budget/2020/sustaining-building-financial-capability-services.pdf)

More information about BFC services can be found here: [www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/providers/building-financial-capability/funding-for-bfc-services-through-budget-2020.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/providers/building-financial-capability/funding-for-bfc-services-through-budget-2020.html).

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 and any attached documents available to the wider public. 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 about the Building Financial Capabilities services, 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 'K. Satterthwaite', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kate Satterthwaite  
**General Manager, Ministerial and Executive Services**