



26 MAY 2021

Tēnā koe

On 28 March, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The paper I wrote to Murray Edridge in 2015 to approve funding the design process (around sometime in early 2015),*
- *Papers to the Minister on Budgeting and its transformation into BFC over 2015-2018 – including all design, procurement and reporting back on progress – including the March 2016 paper seeking approval to fund the new designs, the procurement papers and then decisions to fund or not fund the full suite of components designed in that process, any update papers reporting on progress/ challenges/ outcomes,*
- *Evaluation reports (published or unpublished) by Malatest on BFC, the papers written by to approve the evaluation by Malatest and then to end the evaluation, and*
- *Any other reports/ papers around the design and implementation that could be relevant.*

On 27 April 2021, the Ministry contacted you advising that more time was required to respond to your request due to consultations still taking place. You were advised that a response would be with you on or before 27 May 2021.

The Ministry have found the following 19 documents that are in scope of your request:

- *Proposed approach to re-designing the Budgeting Services funding and service model – dated 9 July 2015*
- *Increasing the financial capability of New Zealanders Experiencing Hardship – dated 12 August 2015*
- *Briefing for the Minister of Finance on the budgeting services redesign for increasing financial capability – dated 04 April 2016*
- *Funding service design of Increasing Financial Capability by using underspent Community Investment DOE funding – dated 13 April 2016*
- *Increasing financial capability for people experiencing hardship – dated 18 April 2016*
- *Aide-memoire: Building Financial Capability Funding Allocation Model – dated 02 June 2016*
- *New Funding Allocation Model for the Building Financial Capability Service – dated 20 June 2016*
- *Building Financial Capability: The outcome of the procurement process, and the transitional funding arrangements – dated 23 September 2016*
- *Building Financial Capability: Update on Phase Two service development – dated 03 November 2016*
- *Building Financial Capability: service model completion and funding allocation – dated 07 December 2016*
- *Building Financial Capability: 2017 update – dated 01 March 2017*
- *Approval to procure BFC Evaluation Programme – dated 02 March 2017*

- *Malatest International Evaluation Plan – Building Financial Capability Services March 2018* – dated March 2018
- *Malatest International Building Financial Capability: Community case studies June 2018–updated September 2018* – dated June 2018 – updated September 2018
- *Malatest International BFC Evaluation: Workforce and Service Survey Findings* – dated 14 May 2019
- *Malatest International Evaluation overview: Evaluation of Building Financial Capability Progress to June 2019*- dated June 2019
- *Malatest International Evaluation overview: Evaluation of Building Financial Capability Progress to October 2018* – dated October 2018
- *Malatest International Evaluation overview: Evaluation of Building Financial Capability Progress to July 2020* – dated July 2020
- *Approach to evaluation of Building Financial Capability service* – dated 8 October 2020

It is important to note that some information is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act as, if released, it would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. The greater public interest is in ensuring that the commercial position can be maintained.

Furthermore, personal information has also been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

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, 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.

Ngā mihi nui



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