



Tēnā koe

On 13 September 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information regarding recommendations three and four of the Office of the Auditor-General Management of the Wage Subsidy Scheme report:

- *Please provide any reports/briefings/updates, generated internally and/or sent externally, that address these specific recommendations. The time period of my request is May 1 to today's date.*

The following three documents have been determined to be in scope of your request. Please find these documents enclosed in this response:

- Memo – *Wage Subsidy Scheme: Audit NZ and OAG Recommendations*, dated 22 July 2021
- Report – REP/21/5/529 - *Wage Subsidy Scheme: quarterly update on our on-going approach to audits and integrity*, dated 2 June 2021
- Report – REP/21/8/810 - *Wage Subsidy Scheme: quarterly update on our on-going approach to audits and integrity*, dated 27 August 2021

A small amount of information has been withheld, under section 6(c) of the Act where making that information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences.

You will also note that some information is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act as it is under active consideration. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.

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 and attachments on the Ministry'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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the COVID-19 Wage Subsidy, 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 or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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