



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

29 July 2022

Tēnā koe

On 9 July 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information

- 1. How much did your organisation spend on advertising, public relations campaigns, and publications in total between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022?*
- 2. How many FTE staff in total were employed by your organisation as at 30 June 2022?*
- 3. What was the total staff headcount for your organisation as at 30 June 2022?*
- 4. What percentage of FTE staff in your organisation were earning a salary of \$100,000 or more as at 30 June 2022?*
- 5. How many FTE staff were employed by your organisation for the COVID-19 Response as at 30 June 2022, if any, and how many of these roles are permanent?*
- 6. How many square meters of owned and leased office space did your organisation have as at 30 June 2022, and how did this compare to the previous five years?*
- 7. What was the attrition rate/unplanned turnover rate for your organisation for the 12 months ending 30 June 2022?*

On 12 July 2022, the Ministry contacted you to explain that the information you requested may be available if permitted within an extended timeframe as required by the Act. Upon further review of your request, as the information requested forms part of the Ministry's Annual Review responses, the Ministry has made the decision to refuse your request in accordance with Section 18(d) of the Act, on the basis that the information requested will soon be publicly available in the Ministry's 2021/22 Annual Review. I apologise for any confusion of expectations that may have been set by the email of 12 July 2022.

You may find the requested information for the year 2020/21 in the Appendix to the Annual Review 2020/21, available at the following link: www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCSS_EVI_116592_SS2484/ministry-of-social-development-appendix-1-to-20

In the spirit of bring helpful, I can inform you that the Ministry recently responded to a request for similar information, as at 31 December 2021. You may find this information at the following link:

www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/official-information-responses/2022/june/27062022-number-of-fte-staff-percentage-earning-salary-of-100k-employed-for-covid-19-response-square-metres-of-office-space-information-regarding-govt-relations-team.pdf

The principles and purposes of the Act 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
- 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. 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the Ministry's full-time staff, spend on advertising, office space and turnover rates, 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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