



7 June 2022

Tēnā koe

On 16 April 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *All advice, information, updates, analyses and talking points the Ministry of Social Development provided to Government Minister's and your own staff in preparation for and use during the aforementioned annual review debate in Parliament.*

On 26 April 2022, the Ministry contacted you to clarify your request. You confirmed that you would like to proceed with the following refinement:

- *Just the information from the Ministry of Social Development.*

*And it only needs to be any such information provided in preparation for use or at the Parliamentary debate I specified.*

*As you mention, I already have the hearing pack from the Select Committee hearing, so it's just the information in relation to the Parliamentary debate I am requesting.*

*I would like to understand the breadth of issues and the specific data, research and details the Ministry prepared information on in preparation for this Parliamentary debate.*

On 24 May 2022, your request was extended due to consultations necessary to make a decision on your request.

As previously discussed, on 4 March 2022 you were provided with a copy of the Ministry's Hearing Pack prepared for Ministry representatives at the

Social Services and Community Committee hearing on 8 December 2021. This document has not been provided in this response.

Please find the following documents identified as in scope of your request attached to this response:

- Support pack for Minister for Social Development and Employment - 2020/21 Annual Review Debate for Social Services and Community Sector: 5.00pm-6.00pm, Wednesday 13 April 2022

Please note that this information was prepared as at April 2022 for the purposes of being used of being used by the Minister and supporting officials for the Annual Review Debate.

You will note that the names and details of some individuals are 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 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](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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Magnus O'Neill', written in a cursive style.

Magnus O'Neill  
**General Manager**  
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