



8 November 2022

Tēnā koe

On 10 October 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. What impact has the Apprenticeship Boost had on the uptake on food and fibre apprenticeships?*
- 2. How much of the Apprenticeship Boost funding has gone to fund Food and Fibre apprenticeships?*

On 27 October 2022, question one of your request was transferred to the Ministry of Education. This was because the information that this question relates to is more closely aligned to the functions of the Ministry of Education.

Apprenticeship Boost is a payment made to employers to help them keep and take on new apprentices. The payment is made directly to employers. It means apprentices can keep earning while training towards their qualifications.

In regard to question two of your request, the Ministry has paid a total of \$34,288,000 (excluding GST) of Apprenticeship Boost funding on apprenticeships identified as being related to Food and Fibre, as at 26 October 2022.

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 Apprenticeship Boost, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Coleman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shaun Coleman
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