



5 October 2022

Tēnā koe

On 27 September 2022, your request to the Ministry of Disabled People – Whaikaha was partially transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) to respond, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), your request for the following information:

- *Costs of the Ministry of Social Development component for the New Zealand delegation at the meeting of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) in August 2022 and the 2014 delegation*

The Ministry understands that Whaikaha on 27 September 2022 sent you an aggregated response on behalf of the agencies that sent delegates to UNCRPD.

The response you have received from Whaikaha provided a collective cost of \$71,859.26 for the delegates air fares and \$25,169.40 for the cost of the delegates' rooms. This collective cost included the cost of the Ministry delegate.

The 2014 delegation was led by a representative from the Ministry for Social Development (the Ministry). The Ministry has not been able to find any further information about the 2014 delegation and accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this document does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

All other advice about the delegation's schedule, meetings, and other information you sought, was included in the response you received from Whaikaha.

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'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 about the Ministry's participation in UNCRPD, 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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