



12 July 2023

Tēnā koe

On 31 May 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Under the Official Information Act 1982, I wish to seek a copy of all email communications between officials at the Ministry of Social Development that refers to the Ministry becoming a member of, or making payments to, Philanthropy NZ, within the past 24 months.*
- *Further to this, I wish to request a copy of all email communications between officials at the Ministry of Social Development and Philanthropy NZ that relates to the Ministry becoming a member of, or making payments to, this organisation, within the past 24 months.*
- *Where information is withheld, I request that you provide the title and date of the communication/document withheld, the reason for refusal, and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a) of the Official Information Act.*

On 28 June 2023, the Ministry contacted you to advise that more time was required to respond to your request as consultations were necessary to make a decision on the request. As such, we advised you that the Ministry's decision will be with you no later than 14 July 2023.

For the last 24 months, there have been no email communications between officials at the Ministry and between officials at the Ministry and Philanthropy NZ that relates to the Ministry becoming a member of, or making payments to, Philanthropy NZ. As such, your request for this information 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.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

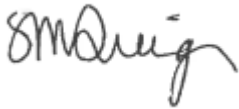
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding communication with Philanthropy NZ, 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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