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Dear [REDACTED]

On 15 August 2018, your request was partially transferred to the Ministry of Social Development from the Ministry of Health, under the Official Information Act 1982. The part of your request that was transferred was for the following information (emphasis added):

- *In the event People First receive funding from the Ministry (or **any Govt entity**) please provide the profile under which they receive their funding. For example; when were they created; how long have they received funding; what is their membership; what is the percentage of their membership who care for someone who lacks mental capacity in the home; do they receive a core funding and then additional funding per project; what amount of their funding is expended on wages; what positions are funded; are they funded to provide advocacy services;*
- *What steps has the DSS / MOH / **other government departments** taken to promote the FFC Easy Read?*

People First have received funding through the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) and the Office for Disability Issues (ODI) over the past five years for the following:

- The Ministry has engaged People First to provide translation of documents into easy read format. Although there is no on-going preferred provider status, People First has been used for this work as we have not been aware of other providers who are able to produce documents in easy read format.
- Support towards a member of People First to participate in the Committee for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The funding goes towards this person's expenses, and costs for support people to enable the person to fully participate in the work of the Committee.
- Participation of People First members on various government working groups is funded on a case by case basis. For example, participation in the Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) Coalition. People First are one of six current organisations that come together as the DPOs Coalition. ODI provides funding of up to \$100,000 per annum for Coalition meetings including travel expenses, fees and reasonable accommodations. The attributes required for an organisation to become an official Disabled Persons Organisation and one of the DPOs Coalition members can be found on the ODI website here: [www.odi.govt.nz/guidance-and-resources/new-resource-item-page-2/](http://www.odi.govt.nz/guidance-and-resources/new-resource-item-page-2/).

In total, People First has received \$636,726 (exclusive of GST) over the past five years from the Ministry and ODI, across the above areas of work. This includes \$99,254 (exclusive of GST) for easy read translation work.

The Ministry and ODI have not promoted the easy read translation of Funded Family Care documents.

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 available to the wider public shortly. 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](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.

Yours sincerely



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