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Tēnā koe

On 8 July 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Total funding provided to Wellington Sexual Abuse HELP Foundation for the year ending June 2019, June 2020, June 2021 and committed funding for the year ending June 2022 for services contracted for delivery by Ministry of Social Development, including the additional funding (as announced in the 2019 budget) for sexual violence services. Please itemise the additional funding component and total funding.*

In Budget 2019, the Ministry received \$90.3 million, over four years, to strengthen support to adult victims/survivors and perpetrators of sexual violence, and their families and whānau. Of this funding, \$50.5 million was allocated to Sexual Harm Crisis Support Services.

As a result of Budget 2019, Wellington Sexual Abuse Help Foundation (Wellington HELP) received a significant increase in funding for Sexual Harm Crisis Support Services (\$468,650 increase between F2020 and F2021). Please find **Table One** below, which shows the Ministry's funding to Wellington Sexual Abuse HELP Foundation from 2018/19 to 2021/22.

Table One: Ministry funding to Wellington Sexual Abuse HELP Foundation from 2018/19 to 2021/22

Service	Description	F2019	F2020	F2021	F2022
Innovative Community Support and Advice	One-off grant funding to increase capacity to respond to increased demand as a result of COVID-19. This additional funding may support a different way of working, such as increased technological capability and other methods of support to those in crisis, during lockdown periods.	\$0.00	\$50,986	\$60,000	\$0.00
Sexual Violence Victim Support Services	Court Support Services provides information, advocacy and psycho-social support for victims and survivors of sexual violence going through the criminal justice system.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,838	\$131,724

	Prevention education programmes that improve knowledge, attitudes, skills and strategies to prevent sexual violence from occurring	\$30,000	\$31,125	\$31,125	\$31,125
	Sexual Harm Crisis Support Services	\$310,002	\$570,467	\$1,087,567	\$1,039,117
Grand Total	Grand Total	\$340,002	\$652,578	\$1,256,531	\$1,201,965

Notes:

- This report contains funding as at 9 July 2021
- Funding in the current financial year is still subject to contracting and may alter
- Please note that funding did not exist for the Court Support Services prior to Budget 2019.

While communications with the sector indicated that this funding would primarily focus on reducing cost pressures and enabling providers to meet current demand, MSD is not prescriptive in how providers spend increases in funding, beyond the full-time equivalent rate.

The principles and purposes of the Act 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
- 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 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding funding for Wellington Sexual Abuse HELP Foundation, 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.

Yours sincerely



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