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Tēnā koe

On 21 July 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. Has the Minister received any advice this year on establishing new business units in the Ministry of Social Development, if so, what was that advice?*
- 2. Has the Minister received any advice on establishing an Authority or unit for administering services currently administered by the Ministry of Social Development similar to the proposal for a Māori Health Authority under the Health portfolio, if so what was that advice?*

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the information requested will be or will soon be publicly available. This information will be online at the following links:

- www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_29905_2021/29905-2021-david-seymour-to-the-minister-for-social.
- www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_29904_2021/29904-2021-david-seymour-to-the-minister-for-social.

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 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 the Ministry establishing new business units or establishing an authority, 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 'Magnus O'Neill', written in a cursive style.

Magnus O'Neill
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