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Tēnā koe

On 7 April 2021, the Ministry of Health partially transferred your request to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) to respond to. You requested, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- We would like to request the financial records of how the \$1.9billion dollars from the Wellbeing Budget 2019 and the further \$40 million of additional funding in the 2020 Budget towards Mental Health and Addictions has so far been spent? Can we please have the details on which organisations or services were contracted, how much they received and for what purpose? Also, what is left of this budget allocation (both amounts) to date that has not yet been spent or handed out by the government?*

On 5 May 2021, the Ministry contacted you advising that more time was required to respond to your request due to consultations taking place. You were advised that a response would be with you on or before 3 June 2021.

On 3 June 2021, the Ministry contacted you advising that your request has been granted however more time was required to prepare the information for release. You were advised that a response would be with you on or before 8 July 2021.

I apologise for the further delay in receiving this information.

The \$1.9 billion dollars was provided across agencies to implement initiatives to assist with the Wellbeing of New Zealanders of which \$138.9 million was provided to Vote Social Development administered by the Ministry to implement the initiatives.

In relation to the additional \$40 million in the 2020 budget towards Mental Health and Addictions, this money was provided to the Ministry of Health, and therefore the Ministry does not have any information that can be provided to you. As such, this part of your request has been refused under section 18(g)(ii) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry, but is connected more closely with the function of another department, interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation of a local authority.

Please find below details of relevant funds the Ministry received in the Wellbeing Budget 2019.

Disabled People and People with Health Conditions Improving Employment and Wider Wellbeing Outcomes.

This initiative aims to support an additional 2,600 disabled people and people with health conditions, including those with mental health needs, to find and stay in meaningful employment, increase their knowledge and skills, and improve their health and wider wellbeing.

The Ministry can confirm that the figures for all five financial years as listed in the Wellbeing Budget 2019 that relate to this initiative were received by the Ministry.

The funding for this initiative has provided additional capacity for the Ministry's contracted employment service, particularly for mental health support.

Disabled People and People with Health Conditions Improving Employment and Wider Wellbeing Outcomes is an initiative which consists of two other initiatives, Oranga Mahi and Disability Employment Services and Support Fund.

Please see enclosed an excel spreadsheet, titled **Appendix A**, that contains the 'Overview of the Budget 2019 mental wellbeing package: Cross-agency' initiatives as at the end of March 2021.

Housing Support Products: Expansion to Help More People Access and Maintain Tenancies.

The funding for this initiative has been broken up and spread throughout many different parts of the Ministry. To identify which portions of funding have been allocated to which areas of the Ministry, and which of those amounts have either been spent or have been allocated to be spent constitutes as substantial collation and research. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act.

However, I can advise that the funding for this initiative has been spent on assessing and reviewing eligibility for Public, Transitional and Emergency Housing and Income Related Rent. The funding has also been put towards managing the Public Housing Register and the provisions of products and services to help families with children who are living in Emergency Housing accommodation and who have received, and remain eligible to receive, Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants. These grants are paid in accordance with criteria set out in, or in delegated legislations made under, the Social Security Act 2018.

Oranga Mahi

Oranga Mahi is a cross-agency project delivered by the Ministry, in partnership with several District Health Boards, that trials new ways of working with clients receiving a health-related benefit. Oranga Mahi aims to better the experience of care for its participants, to support them to improve their health and wellbeing, leading to sustainable social outcomes.

The Ministry contracts six providers that assist with the Oranga Mahi initiative. Please see below, **Appendix B**, which shows the providers name, the contract name, a short description of service provided to the Ministry, the contract value and the contract spend as at 31 March 2021.

It is important to note that some Oranga Mahi services were delayed due to the COVID-19 lockdown. There was a business continuity plan for current participants, but only if they were able to access them virtually. Services that were impacted due to COVID-19 were the following:

- Here Toitū (Canterbury and parts of Auckland) go-live changed from March 2020 to August 2020
- Here Toitū Mid Central early response work was put on hold until late November 2020 and went live 21/06/21
- REACH Westcoast was unable to be progressed, as no engagement or scoping for this had begun prior to COVID.

Disability Employment Services and Support Fund

Employment Service

Please see below **Appendix C** which shows the providers name, the contract name, a short description of service provided to the Ministry, the contract value and the contract spend up to July 2021.

These services are outcome based and the funding paid is based on the number clients engaged each year and the milestones achieved by the provider for each client. Therefore, the contract value represents the total amount the provider could claim if all clients achieve all milestones available and payments are the actual result of clients being engaged and actual milestones achieved for each.

Support Funds

Please see the table below that provides the details for the Support Funds service currently administered by Workbridge on behalf of MSD. The contract value is made up of the Support Funds and the administration fee paid to Workbridge.

Prior to Budget 2019, \$4m a year was allocated to be made available to disabled people. Demand from disabled people meant this funding amount was exceeded by around \$2m every year. As a result, funding had to be reprioritised from other areas to meet the demand.

Budget 2019 made an additional \$2m a year available to Support Funds baseline funding.

Provider Name	Contract Name	Description of Service	Contract Value	Contract Spend to 30 June 2021	Funding Period
Workbridge Incorporated	Support Funds	Help to meet the additional costs disabled people may face when undertaking the same training or employment as a person without a disability. Support Funds is managed by Workbridge on behalf of MSD.	\$27,690,733	\$21,438,733	14 July 2018 to 30 June 2022

Historic Claims

As part of the Budget 2019, the Government invested \$93.8 million over three years to enable claimants of abuse in state care to have a sense of justice, validation and empowerment, which increases staffing and supports changes to the Historic Claims process that enables the Ministry to respond to and settle more claims and provide appropriate support to claimants. This allocation of \$93.8 million does not relate to funding for mental health or addiction support. The Historic Claims initiative supports the priority of Supporting Mental Wellbeing, as opposed to relating specifically to funding for mental health.

As part of responding to Historic Claims, this initiative assists claimants to access counselling and link them in with other services where necessary. Where ACC or

community support options are not appropriate for the claimant to access, Historic Claims will fund counselling sessions for claimants. The Ministry can advise that up until 31 March 2021, Historic Claims has funded a total of \$23,455 (excluding accruals) in client counselling costs since the receipt of funding under the Wellbeing Budget 2019.

The Ministry does not have a specific counselling budget in relation to this demand driven initiative as counselling services will be provided as clients require it. Therefore, we are unable to advise on funds remaining in this budget allocation to date that has not yet been spent. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist. The Ministry funds counselling on the receipt of invoices provided by counselling providers so it is not a contracted service.

In October 2020, the Ministry signed a service agreement with Emerge Aotearoa NZ who are piloting a navigation service to link claimants to existing services in Wellington. I can advise that as at 31 March 2021, Historic Claims has funded a total of \$82,999 to Emerge Aotearoa NZ. The budget allocation remaining from the Wellbeing Budget 2019 for this aspect of Historic Claims funding is \$2,804,500, which the Ministry will use to continue to support claimants to access local services.

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 and attachments 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 in relation to the 2019 Wellbeing Budget, 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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Appendix B: The provider names, contract name, description of service, contract value, contract spend to 31 March 2021 and the funding period.

Provider Name	Contract Name	Description of Service	Contract Value	Contract Spend to 31 March 2021	Funding Period
Waikato District Health Board	REACH Trial	Realising Employment through Active Coordinated Health Trial (REACH)- A 20 week programme supporting clients to set and achieve their goals using cognitive behavioural therapy techniques with the help of a Key Worker and Living Well Coach.	\$5,614,490.00	\$3,656,031.06	12 October 2016 - 30 June 2021
Pegasus Health	Here Toitū Trial	A 12 month service which works with people on benefit who are managing their health condition or disability into sustainable employment utilising a dedicated support team. This service is available in Christchurch and Auckland.	\$2,054,708.00	\$1,273,396.00	1 November 2019 - 30 June 2021
Northland District Health Board	Rākau Rangatira Programme	A Kaupapa Maori based integrated social and health intervention to increase opportunities of employment and recovery of whānau with mild to moderate mental health and substance abuse challenges.	\$2,271,070.00	\$1,956,570.00	1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021
Homecare Medical (General Partner) Limited	Puawaitanga	An up to 12 month free phone and online service which connects people to a consistent, qualified counsellor who can support them to improve their emotional wellbeing, and help improve their ability to find or keep a job.(This is a fee for service)	\$902,000.00	\$282,500	1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021
National Hauora Coalition Limited	Here Toitū Trial	A 12 month service which works with people on benefit who are managing their health condition or disability into sustainable employment utilising a dedicated support team. This service is available in Christchurch and Auckland.	\$998,368.00	\$570,977.00	1 November 2019 - 30 June 2021
Procare Network Limited	Here Toitū Trial	A 12 month service which works with people on benefit who are managing their health condition or disability into sustainable employment utilising a dedicated support team. This service is available in Christchurch and Auckland.	\$2,926,889.00	\$1,618,228.24	1 November 2019 - 30 June 2021
THINK Hauora	Here Toitū Trial	A 12 month service which works with people on benefit who are managing their health condition or disability into sustainable employment utilising a dedicated support team. This service is available in Christchurch and Auckland.	\$1,200,000.00	Nil	1 April 2021 – 30 June 2021

Notes:

- Some initiatives were created before the 2019 wellbeing budget was announced. The 2019 budget has assisted with the initiatives to continue.
- For those contracts that were initiated before July 2019, funding outside of budget 2019 was allocated.
- \$2m of underspend in the budget 2019 funding has been requested to be transferred into F2021/22 and any further underspends on these contracts as at 30 June 2021 will be returned to the Crown

Appendix C: The provider names, contract name, description of service, contract value, contract spend to July 2021 and the funding period.

Provider Name	Contract Name	Description of Service	Contract Value	Payments to July 2021	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date
APM Workcare Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$4,202,265.00	\$ 1,133,665.49	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Alpha Consultants Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$502,128.64	\$ 165,796.75	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-22
Autism New Zealand Incorporated	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$617,709.96	\$ 217,748.74	1-Jul-19	30-Jun-24
CCS Disability Action Incorporated	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$3,042,624.00	\$ 362,675.50	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Career Moves Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$2,029,961.00	\$ 716,088.75	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Centre 401 Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$461,651.41	\$ 118,229.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-22
Choices New Zealand Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$3,042,624.00	\$ 837,309.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Comcare Charitable Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$1,217,049.60	\$ 538,403.98	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Community Connections Supported Living Charitable Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$1,217,659.03	\$ 113,891.00	1-Jan-21	30-Jun-24

Provider Name	Contract Name	Description of Service	Contract Value	Payments to July 2021	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date
Deaf Aotearoa Holdings Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$2,259,578.88	\$ 556,132.75	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-22
Disability Resource Centre Hawkes Bay Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$1,622,732.80	\$ 476,217.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Dunedin Community Care Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$618,601.41	\$ 94,754.00	1-Jan-21	30-Jun-24
EBAT Charitable Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$502,129.00	\$ 257,961.54	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-22
Ember Services Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$141,905.00	\$ 3,620,999.38	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Ember Services Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$8,882,978.25	\$ 3,620,999.38	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Emerge Aotearoa Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$2,028,416.00	\$ 665,667.26	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
EmployNZ Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$811,362.00	\$ 231,515.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Enrich+	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$1,727,708.04	\$ 103,712.00	1-Jan-21	30-Jun-24
Focus Trust Incorporated	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$1,552,817.30	\$ 479,609.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24

Provider Name	Contract Name	Description of Service	Contract Value	Payments to July 2021	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date
Geneva Healthcare Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$5,625,265.60	\$ 954,685.00	1-Jul-20	30-Jun-24
Habit Rehabilitation Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$1,607,424.00	\$ 467,941.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Horowhenua Learning Centre Trust Board	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$878,725.12	\$ 483,739.14	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-22
New Zealand Spinal Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$300,000.00	\$ 17,668.00	15-Feb-21	30-Jun-22
Pasifika Consulting Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$2,888,131.40	\$ 1,023,329.63	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Poly-Emp Employment & Advisory Service	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$2,004,226.80	\$ 859,225.60	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
SPAN Charitable Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$981,836.00	\$ 411,164.98	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
St Chad's Communication Centre	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$469,371.00	\$ 258,874.73	15-Mar-19	30-Jun-22
Tautoko Services	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$502,128.64	\$ 96,279.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-22
Te Whare Mahana Trust Board	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$376,596.48	\$ 82,360.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-22

Provider Name	Contract Name	Description of Service	Contract Value	Payments to July 2021	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date
The Catapult Employment Services Trust Board	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$1,630,751.20	\$ 622,051.42	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
The Stroke Foundation of New Zealand Limited	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$660,000.00		1-Jul-21	30-Jun-24
The Work Opportunities Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$1,837,056.00	\$ 820,166.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Transitioning Out Aotearoa (TOA) Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$373,152.00	\$ 107,119.19	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-22
Village Community Trust	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$1,521,312.00	\$ 583,784.79	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
Wellington After-Care Association Incorporated	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$811,826.40	\$ 204,478.90	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24
West Auckland Living Skills Homes Trust Board	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$1,274,851.60	\$ 575,937.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-22
Workbridge Incorporated	Employment Service	A specialist Employment Service based on the Employment Support Practice Guidelines (2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$60,852,480.00	\$ 22,365,417.84	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24

Notes:

- This initiative was created before the 2019 wellbeing budget was announced.
- The funding was used to allow contracts to be increased by 1% allowing the various payment milestones to be proportionately increased and paid when milestones were achieved
- There have been changes to the providers of the service since April 2019 and several variations to agreement have been executed for various reasons

Overview of Budget 2019 mental wellbeing package: Cross-agency initiatives

As at end March 2021

IN CONFIDENCE

Agency	Initiative	Funding allocated (\$m)					Funding committed (in contract) as at end March 2021 (\$m)					Funding spent (distributed as per payment schedule) as at end March 2021 (\$m)				
		19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	Total	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	Total	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	Total
Social Development	Disabled People and People with Health Conditions: Improving Employment and Wider Wellbeing Outcomes (Total funding, see below the break down per initiative)	9.739	10.467	3.063	3.063	26.332	7.126	10.467	5.063	3.063	25.719	7.126	7.590	-	-	14.716
	Oranga Mahi	6.676	7.404	-	-	14.080	4.063	7.404	2.000	-	13.467	4.063	5.152	-	-	9.215
	Disability Employment Services and Support	3.063	3.063	3.063	3.063	12.252	3.063	3.063	3.063	3.063	12.252	3.063	2.438	-	-	5.501

Social Development	Housing Support Products: Expansion to Help More People	5.100	4.600	4.600	4.600	18.900	section 18 (f)	section 18 (f)	section 18 (f)	section 18 (f)	section 18 (f)	section 18 (f)	section 18 (f)	-	-	-
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Social Development	Historical Abuse Claims	27.310	32.470	33.970	0.000	93.750	NA	NA	-	-	0.000	17.934	14.297	-	-	32.231
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NOTE: Expense Transfer completed in MBU transferring \$2.0m from Baseline OM Budget to next FY

NOTE: Historical Abuse Claims. The \$93.75m funding allocated excludes a 2018/19 carry forward of \$11.289m from previous Multi Year Appropriation.