



22 December 2021

Tēnā koe

On 26 September 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Aide memoire - Meeting with representatives of the National Beneficiaries Advocacy Consultative Group (NBACG) REP/21/8/926*

On 13 October 2021, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Aide memoire: COVID-19 Ministers Group paper - Government's response to increased ongoing demand for access to food and other essential wellbeing items. REP/21/9/961. Received 9/09/2021.*
- *Aide memoire - Meeting with FinCap, 9 September. REP/21/8/918. Received 9/09/2021.*
- *Aide memoire - Housing Update. REP/21/9/938. Received 3/09/2021.*
- *Aide memoire - Meeting with representatives of the National Beneficiaries Advocacy Consultative Group (NBACG). REP/21/8/926. Received 31/08/2021.*

The Ministry has decided to combine your requests, as you requested the same document on 26 September 2021 and 13 October 2021.

On 22 October 2021, the Ministry contacted you to advise that more time was required to respond to your request as consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are as such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. In accordance with section 15(1) and 15A of the Act, the Ministry's decision will be with you no later than 19 November 2021.

On 19 November 2021, the Ministry contacted you to advise that a decision had been made to partially grant your request, and that a response would be with you by 24 December 2021.

Please find the requested documents enclosed.

Please note that some information within the documents is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act as it is under active consideration and the release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.

Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the Act to enable the Ministry to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). The greater public interest is in ensuring that government agencies can continue to negotiate without prejudice.

The names and details regarding some individuals are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

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'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 your request for the four documents, 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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