



Tēnā koe

On 13 September 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information regarding recommendation four of the Office of the Auditor-General Management of the Wage Subsidy Scheme report:

- *Provide copies of correspondence, how many recipients received this correspondence, and how those recipients were chosen (if a sub-group was identified). The timeframe of my request is April 1 to today's date.*

The following two documents have been determined to be in scope of your request. Please find these documents enclosed in this response:

- Memo – *Wage Subsidy Scheme: Audit NZ and OAG Recommendations*, dated 22 July 2021
- Email template - Confirming Wage Subsidy 2020 eligibility and obligations

The following memo *Wage Subsidy Scheme: Audit NZ and OAG Recommendations*, has been identified as in scope of your request which has been attached to your other Wage Subsidy Scheme Official information request dated 13 September 2021. How samples were selected is detailed in the memo.

The following email template correspondence was sent to the email addresses of 1,000 applications for the Wage Subsidy Scheme has been determined to be in scope of your request.

Please also note, contained in the document attached is a link to the Wage Subsidy confirmation form, which can be found online at the following link:

<https://workandincome.govt.nz/form/workandincome/govt/nz/form.req2?requestType=workandincome-govt-nz-wagesubsidy-confirmation-form>.

You will note that some information has been deemed to be 'out of scope' of your request, as this information is related to Ministry staff names and contact details who are below tier 4 and/or who are not decision-makers, which you clarified you did not require on 28 September 2021.

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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the COVID-19 Wage Subsidy, 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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