



Tēnā koe

On 7 August 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Health (MoH) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Provide all relevant information around the 1.9 billion dollars earmarked for Mental Health NZ. Including, money spent on paid consultants.*

On 30 August 2021, MoH transferred your questions to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) in part, because the information is also held by our agency.

The \$1.9 billion 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.

Regarding your request, please find below a spreadsheet detailing the financial amounts for the mental wellbeing initiatives being led by the Ministry which were listed in the Wellbeing Budget 2019. The spreadsheet shows the figures received by the Ministry that have either been spent in the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 financial years or have been forecast to be spent in the current and next financial year.

**Table One: Overview of Budget 2019 mental wellbeing package: The Ministry's initiatives as at end of October 2020**

Initiative	Funding allocated (\$m) per financial year					Funding spent as at end October 2020 (\$m)				
	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	Total	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	Total
Disabled People and People with Health Conditions: Improving Employment and Wider Wellbeing Outcomes	9.739	10.467	3.063	3.063	26.332	7.126	3.591	N/a	N/a	10.717
Oranga Mahi	6.676	7.404	0	0	14.080	4.063	2.403	N/a	N/a	6.466
Disability Employment Services and Support Funds	3.063	3.063	3.063	3.063	12.252	3.063	1.188	N/a	N/a	4.251
Housing Support Products: Expansion to Help More People Access and Maintain Tenancies	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.6	18.9	s18(f)	s18(f)	N/a	N/a	s18(f)
Maintaining and Strengthening the Housing First Programme as a Response to Ending Homelessness	0.1	0.6	0.9	1.3	2.9	0.1	0.6	N/a	N/a	0.7
Historic Claims	27.310	32.470	33.970	0.000	93.750	17.934	6.264	N/a	N/a	24.198

**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 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.

### **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 **Appendix A** which shows the providers names, the contract names, 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 June 2021
- 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 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 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

### **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. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

The Ministry has considered whether it would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. The Ministry has concluded that, in either case, its ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

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.

### **Maintaining and Strengthening the Housing First Programme as a Response to Ending Homelessness**

The amounts received in relation to all five financial years have either been spent or have been forecast to be spent by the Ministry over the current and following two financial years. The money has been used and allocated as an increase in funding toward the Accommodation Assistance, benefit expenditure in relation to the provision of social housing.

### **Historic Claims**

The \$93.8 million dollar amount attributed to funding for responding to Historic claims of abuse does not specifically relate to funding for mental health support. 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.

The Historic Claims initiative supports the priority of Supporting Mental Wellbeing, as opposed to relating specifically to funding for mental health. The Historic Claims 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 can provide short-term funding for sessions whilst supporting claimants to engage with more sustainable support.

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

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the Ministry's mental wellbeing initiatives, 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



Kelvin Moffatt  
**General Manager**  
**Service and Contracts Management**

**Appendix A: 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	Funding Period	Contract Value	Contract Spend to 31 March 2021
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.	12 October 2016 - 30 June 2021	\$5,614,490.00	\$3,656,031.06
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.	1 November 2019 - 30 June 2021	\$2,054,708.00	\$1,273,396.00
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.	1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021	\$2,271,070.00	\$1,956,570.00
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)	1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021	\$902,000.00	\$282,500
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.	1 November 2019 - 30 June 2021	\$998,368.00	\$570,977.00
Procure 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.	1 November 2019 - 30 June 2021	\$2,926,889.00	\$1,618,228.24
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 April 2021 - 30 June 2021	\$1,200,000.00	Nil

**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 B: 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	\$3,042,624.00	\$837,309.00	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24

		(2018) that supports disabled people who are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.				
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
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	\$8,882,978.25	\$3,620,999.38	1-Apr-19	30-Jun-24



		are work ready to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.				
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
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	\$300,000.00	\$17,668.00	15-Feb-21	30-Jun-22

		provides ongoing support while they are working.				
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
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	\$660,000.00	\$0.00	1-Jul-21	30-Jun-24

		provides ongoing support while they are working.				
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.