



16 September 2022

Tēnā koe

On 19 August 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information in relation to the Snap Fitness Ferrymead branch for the period August 2021 and September 2021:

- *I'd like to know if Snap Fitness applied for Covid relief and received it for that period?*

The COVID-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme (March 2021) was introduced from 4 March 2021, to support businesses impacted by the current escalation in Alert Levels, to help the businesses stay connected to their workers. You can find more information regarding the Wage Subsidy Scheme, at the following link: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/employment-and-training/specific-employment-related-assistance/covid-19-wage-subsidy-scheme-march-2021/introduction.html.

The Snap Fitness Ferrymead branch did not apply for or receive a wage subsidy for the period August 2021 and 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 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 about whether the Snap Fitness Ferrymead branch received a 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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