



8 August 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

On 26 April 2024, you advised the Ministry of Social Development that you were requesting a copy of all disposal authorities held by the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry), both expired and current.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to your request for official information.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

The Ministry contacted you on 3 July 2024 and on 8 July 2024 in order to seek a refinement on your request. As the Ministry has not heard from you to date, I have interpreted your request to be for disposal authorities covering records of individuals in the state care system.

I have found two documents in scope of your request which are publicly available on Archives NZ's website. Please visit the below links for these documents:

- DA60  
<https://collections.archives.govt.nz/en/web/arena/search#/entity/aims-archive/DA60/da60>.
- AT92/48 (available as part of DA40)  
<https://api.aims.axiellhosting.com/DocumentAPI/wwwopac.ashx?command=getcontent&server=documents&value=DA40 appraisal+report%28public%29.pdf>.

If you would like to read disposal authorities on any other type of records, you can find them on Archive NZ's website. I recommend searching with the key words 'disposal authority'.

Please note, Ministry policy documents indicate that authority to dispose of records was also in effect prior to this time, but documentation of the relevant authorities is not readily available and would require substantial manual collation to potentially identify and locate. As such, the Ministry has not undertaken a search for these documents. If you would like these documents, please contact the Ministry.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Magnus', is positioned above the typed name.

Magnus O'Neill  
**General Manager**  
**Ministerial and Executive Services**