



20 May 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 21 March 2024, requesting information about Covid-19 funding by the Ministry.

On 2 April 2024, the Ministry emailed you asking that you refine your request, due to the broad nature of your request. In the same email, you were notified that the part of your request relating to Civil Defence had been transferred to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), hosted by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC).

As we did not receive a response from you, we have interpreted your request to cover:

- *total COVID-19 funding to support organisations, foodbanks or ethnic communities.*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please see **Appendix One** attached with this response which provides a list of all payments related to COVID-19 to support organisations, foodbanks, and ethnic communities.

Please note that COVID-19 funding paid through manual payment under urgency is not included in this response, as this information is not centrally collated and substantial manual collation would be required to locate and prepare the information within scope of your request. As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

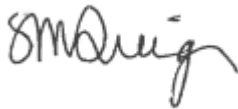
I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

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.

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 or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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