



9 October 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 29 July 2024, requesting the release of specific reports. I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision set out below.

#### Reports released in full and attached to response:

- REP/24/2/168 – *Children and Young People’s Commission 2023/24 Quarter Two Performance Report.*
- REP/24/3/219 – *Future of Te Korowai Whetū Social Cohesion work programme.*
- REP/24/3/171 – *Comparison of sole parent employment across OECD countries.*
- REP/24/3/194 – *Pou Tangata priorities – Review and Reset.*
- REP/24/3/245 – *Social Workers Registration Board 2023/24 Quarter Two Performance Report.*
- REP/24/3/235 – *Reviewing Building Financial Capability Plus services.*
- REP/24/4/309 – *Pre-meet with National Iwi Chairs Forum (NCIF) Lead Ministers.*
- REP/24/4/326 – *CBC paper: Social Security (Childcare Subsidy) Amendment Regulations 2024 - [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2024/social-security-childcare-subsidy-amendment-regulations-2024.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2024/social-security-childcare-subsidy-amendment-regulations-2024.html)*
- REP/24/4/301 – *Meeting with Professor Harvey Whitehouse and Sir Peter Gluckman – Social Cohesion.*
- REP/24/4/337 – *MSD Vacancy Management Process for Employers.*
- REP/24/4/348 – *Resilience to Organised Crime in Communities – Further Funding Information, Planning and Funding Distribution.*
- REP/24/3/253 – *2024/25 Estimates Examination of Vote Social Development – Process and timeframes.*
- REP/24/4/354 – *Pre-meet with Pou Chairs and Lead Ministers.*

- REP/24/4/355 – *Pre-meet with Pou Tangata Chairs.*
- REP/24/4/317 – *Covid-19 Economic Supports; quarterly integrity update.*
- REP/24/4/370 – *Meeting with Social Service Providers Aotearoa (SSPA) and Prime Minister Christopher Luxon.*
- REP/24/5/356 – *National Iwi Chairs Forum (NICF) Quarterly Meeting on 3 May 2024.*
- REP/24/5/401 – *Analysis of current demand for community food support.*
  - Please note that a subsequent decision has been made by the Minister and \$7.5 million has been reallocated across two areas in FY2024/2025: \$5 million to support up to 50 community food providers and \$1.5 million to invest in up to 10 food security initiatives.
- REP/24/5/479 – *Taumata Rangatira Hui - Te Hiku o Te Ika Iwi.*

Reports released in part with information withheld:

- REP/24/3/201 – *Delegations to Minister Simmonds, Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment.*
- REP/24/4/347 – *Family Violence and Sexual Violence Ministers meeting.*
- REP/24/5/422 – *Discussion Document for engaging on strengthening oversight of the Oranga Tamariki System.*
- REP/24/3/177 – *Progressing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child 2023 Concluding Observations.*
- REP/24/4/307 – *Advice on proposed cross-agency meeting on the social determinants of Health in Northland.*
  - Appendix 1: REP/24/4/307 - Letter to Shane Reti.
- REP/24/3/121 – *Amendments to expand the Temporary Accommodation Assistance Programme.*
- REP/24/4/292 – *Meeting between the Minister for Social Development and Employment and the Minister for Seniors to discuss priorities relating to older people.*
  - *This has been publicly released here:*  
[www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/official-information-responses/2024/july/11072024-any-documents-related-to-services-for-seniors.pdf](http://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/official-information-responses/2024/july/11072024-any-documents-related-to-services-for-seniors.pdf)
- REP/24/4/329 – *Guaranteed Childcare Assistance Payment Amendment Programme 2024.*
- REP/24/4/328 – *Proposed communications approach for the conclusion of the Kaiwhakaoranga Specialist Case Management Service and Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme.*
- REP/24/4/340 – *Visit to Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa, 23 April.*
- REP/24/4/349 – *Visit to Visionwest Waka Whakakitenga, Friday 26th April.*
- REP/24/4/351 – *Abuse in Care Royal Commission: Upcoming decisions on improving redress for survivors.*

- REP/24/4/338 – *Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Christchurch Mosques Attack Ministers Meeting.*
  - Please note that Appendix One and Two have already been released in a Cabinet Paper: [www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-08/pr-fps-24-sub-0019-concluding-coordinated-govt-response-rcoi.pdf](http://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-08/pr-fps-24-sub-0019-concluding-coordinated-govt-response-rcoi.pdf)
- REP/24/5/391 – *Meeting with the Social Workers Registration Board.*
- REP/24/4/346 - *Amendments to the Temporary Accommodation Assistance Programme and the Flexible Funding Programme.*
  - Amending Instrument linked here: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/legislation/notice-of-change/2024/instrument-amending-ministerial-welfare-programmes-2024.pdf>
- REP/24/5/475 - *Meeting to discuss cross-portfolio support and investment for 'creative spaces'.*
- REP/24/5/439 - *Ministerial Group Meeting (29 May 2024) Crown Response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry.*
- REP/24/5/467 – *Social Investment Ministers meeting.*
- REP/24/5/481 – *Crown Response to letter from National iwi Chairs Forum, May 2024.*
  - *Appendices 1 and 2 withheld in full under sections 9(2)(ba)(i) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act (full withholding grounds outlined below).*

Some information has been withheld from these reports under the following sections of the Act:

Section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.

Section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions. I believe the greater public interest is in the ability of individuals to express opinions in the course of their duty.

Section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

Section 9(2)(h) of the Act to maintain legal professional privilege.

Reports withheld in full:

- REP/24/5/469 – *2025 New Years Honours – Potential Nominees.*

This report has withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.

- REP/24/2/160 – *Implementing the scale-back of Community Connectors and Food Secure Communities.*

This report is withheld in full under section 18(d) of the Act as this report will soon be made publicly available. The Ministry will be proactively releasing a suite of Budget 2024 documents in due course, which will include the report above.

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.

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