



5 February 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 2 January 2025, requesting information to assist with an update of the McGuinness Institute publication, 2024 GDS Index.

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

Please find attached a copy of the spreadsheet you sent to us for update. You will see the appropriate business unit within the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry), has reviewed your advice and updated the status of our strategies. The attached spreadsheet contains our feedback.

To further assist you, please see our following comments.

There have been some changes since last year which are outlined below:

- Now that Whaikaha is a standalone agency, they are responding to the OIA themselves regarding their strategies – they will no longer be under the Ministry.
- The 'Older Workers Employment Action Plan' is no longer in use and has not been replaced.
- The 'Rautaki Hangarau – Technology Strategy 2022' is no longer in use but has been replaced with a new Technology Strategy with the same name updated in 2024.
- The 'Employment and Social Outcomes Investment Strategy 2022-2025' is no longer in use and has been replaced with the 'Employment Investment Framework for 2024/25'.
- The 'Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy' is no longer in use and has been replaced with the 'Child and Youth Strategy'. Please note, at the time of last year's request the 'Child Youth and Wellbeing Strategy' sat with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet but was transferred to the Ministry later in 2024. This is why the 'Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy' was not included in last year's OIA response.

A few things to note:

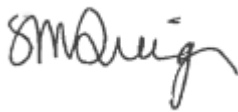
- We were not aware of the 'Carers' Strategy' (added to tab 2) when we responded to this OIA request last year but have confirmed that it should be included in the GDS Index.
- Last year we had included the 'Better Later Life He Oranga Kaumātua Action plan 2021 to 2024' in our response as one that should be included in the GDS index but was not included. This should be in the GDS Index and has been added to tab 2.
- The red edits in tab 1 are corrections to titles as confirmed by the business.

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.

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