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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email dated 18 December 2024, requesting information regarding the online survey carried out by the Disability Support Services Taskforce (DSSTF), a business unit within the Ministry of Social Development, in late 2024.

- *"Could you please advise the process on how to request the survey results through the Official Information's Act regarding the announcement by Louise Upston dated 17 December 2024"*

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

I have interpreted your request to be for a copy of the published report setting out the DSSTF's analysis of the survey results. The report will be published on the Disability Support Services (DSS) website within the next few weeks.

While the exact date is still being confirmed, I am confident it will be published within the next eight weeks and therefore in line with published guidance by the Ombudsman's office on what constitutes 'soon' for the purposes of section 18(d). Therefore, your request has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the information requested will soon be publicly available.

Please note that I have asked a staff member to email you a link to the report once it has been published online.

Publication of the report setting out the survey findings will be announced via the newsletter or on the front page of the DSS website: www.disabilitysupport.govt.nz/.

If you are interested in learning more about the work of DSS, you can sign up to DSS's newsletter which is regularly published to update the community. You can sign up to receive the newsletter at the following link: www.disabilitysupport.govt.nz/about-us/publications/newsletter-for-disabled-people-2.

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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