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Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

On 9 December 2024, Crown Law transferred part of your request to the Ministry to respond to.

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

*m. the actual cost and estimated future costs of any compensation paid to victims' and victims' families*

The Ministry has published information on Individualised Claims and Rapid Payments on the Ministry's website, including money paid out as part of redress payments as at 30 September 2024. This information is updated quarterly and you can find it at the following website: [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/historic-claims/whats-happening-at-historic-claims.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/historic-claims/whats-happening-at-historic-claims.html).

Should you require information further to what has already been published, please contact the Ministry and we will process it as a fresh request.

In regard to your request for any estimated future costs of any compensation, I am refusing your request for this information under section 18(e) of the Act, on the basis that it does not exist. The Ministry is not able to determine estimated future costs as it is related to budget and as the Ministry does not have foresight of any new future claims.

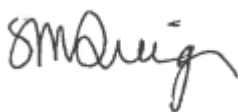
It should also be noted that the Ministry does not pay compensation but makes redress payments. These redress payments are not paid to victim's families, they are paid to survivors.

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

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