



9 January 2025

Tēnā koe

**Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 7 January 2025, requesting information about the amount of money spent by the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) on sex work or sex therapy.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). The Ministry has interpreted 'sex therapy' to be any therapy or counselling related to sex, intimacy or relationships.

The Ministry does not provide funding for sex work or sex therapy. As such, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you had requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

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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