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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 18 June 2025, requesting information on outcomes-based contracting arrangements.

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

1. *Contracts or agreements structured around payment-for-outcomes, social impact bonds, pay-for-performance models, or success-contingent funding;*
2. *Any associated documentation outlining:*
 - *Outcome metrics and indicators;*
 - *Payment schedules linked to outcome achievement;*
 - *Evaluation or verification frameworks;*
 - *Risk-sharing mechanisms or investor involvement;*
 - *Contract management or governance provisions.*

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this document does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Please note, the Ministry does not have outcomes-based contracts, or contracts that are structured around payment-for-outcomes. Rather they are mixture of results or milestone-based contracts and fee-for-service based contracts which are different to outcomes-based agreements.

The Ministry did consider offering a potential refinement to information regarding results-based contracts but could not identify a suitable scope. The Ministry would be required to review a significant number of contracts and would be likely to refuse this request under section 18(f) of the Act, as it would require substantial manual collation to respond.

If you would like to make a request on a different type of contract, please contact the Ministry. The Ministry can discuss a suitable scope with you, should you be interested in information on a different type of contract.

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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