



24 July 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your emails of 30 June 2025, requesting information about exclusions of children in after school care programmes that receive the OSCAR subsidy.

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

The Ministry does not hold information about exclusions for after school care programmes. The Ministry does receive a notification of absences so that the appropriate adjustments for subsidy rates payable can be made, but there is no absence reason for 'exclusion'.

Therefore 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.

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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