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Tēnā koe

## **Official Information Act Request**

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2025, requesting information on Support Funds for people with disabilities, including Job Support and the Mainstream Employment Programme.

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

The Ministry provides Job and Training Support funding which can be accessed to assist clients with daily work tasks or training. The Ministry requires an assessment to determine the task and level of support required and this is conducted prior to an application being approved.

Further information on the Job and Training Support Funds can be found here: <a href="https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/work/working/payments-to-help-you-at-work/job-and-training-support-funds.html">www.workandincome.govt.nz/work/working/payments-to-help-you-at-work/job-and-training-support-funds.html</a>

I note that the links provided in your request are out of date and some of these services have ceased or changed. The following links contain more information on all job or training supports the Ministry can provide for clients with a health condition or disability:

- <u>www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/disability-services/community-participation-services.html</u>
- <u>www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/mainstream-</u> programmes.html
- <u>www.workandincome.govt.nz/work/working/your-rights-at-work-and-advice/in-work-support.html</u>

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 regarding support funds for people with disabilities, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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