



6 October 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 8 September 2025, requesting policy, strategy, or guidelines related to disability, disabled people, autism, and autistic people developed or used by the Ministry between 2000 and 2023, for needs assessments, funding and provisions of other support.

On 15 September the Ministry contacted you asking you to refine your request, as the request was broad in scope and was likely to be refused under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. On the same day you refined the request to the following:

*To refine this further, I am requesting information/documents developed or used by Disability Support Services / Whaikaha / MSD detailing **changes to disability support services between 2014 and 2024**. As an example, this is the type of information currently available for present-day changes: <https://www.disabilitysupport.govt.nz/disabled-people/changes-to-disability-support-services>*

I have now considered this request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) and consider that your refined request for all information remains very broad, and substantial manual collation would be required to locate and prepare all documents within scope of your request. As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

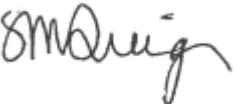
If there is any particular change to disability support services, or particular documents around changes to disability support services you require information on, the Ministry would be happy to consider any further requests you may have.

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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