



1 September 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 20 June 2025, requesting information about Disability Support Services (DSS) funding.

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 below.

"I am a parent with disability funding and I request the following data please:

- 1. March 2024 - how much money was available in the nz government Budget for disability funding.*
- 2. How much money is available now - as at June 2025.*

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as this information is not held by the Ministry. DSS is funded through the 'Disability Support Services' Multi-Category Appropriation, which is set through the annual budget process. The Appropriation is the amount of money the Government provides to DSS to undertake its role and cover all its costs for a given financial year. Each financial year runs from 1 July to 30 June. The funding is not appropriated at a monthly level.

- 3. How much money is forecast for the next 4-5 years for disability funding*

Part of your request is declined under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available.

Part of the request is declined under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information you are requesting does not exist. DSS appropriation information for beyond the 2028/2029 financial year does not currently exist as Budget and Appropriations information is only developed in five-yearly cycles.

Please refer to Table 1.2 in The Estimates of Appropriations 2025/26 – Social Services and Community Sector B.5 Vol 9 document (the Estimates document), which is publicly available on Treasury's website here: <https://budget.govt.nz/budget/pdfs/estimates/v9/est25-v9-dissupser.pdf>.

This table sets out appropriation funds, based on current Government policy, that will be available for DSS for upcoming financial years, up to 30 June 2029.

It also indicates the Government appropriation amounts for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 financial years.

Section 1.3, on page 45 of the Estimates document, provides a written description of key trends in DSS funding.

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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