



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear

On 21 September 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *What was the total spend on actuarial services by MSD in the 2015/2016 financial year. Total spend includes expenditure on in-house staff providing actuarial services and any contractors.*

The Ministry contracts actuarial services to provide information to the Ministry's Forecasting and Planning team regarding the future costs of benefits and related costs.

I can advise that in the 2015/16 financial year the Ministry spent \$1,113,406 on contracted actuarial services and \$2,007,763 to two organisations for a number of reports and valuations. The Ministry does not employ any staff to provide actuarial services.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public after ten working days. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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