



7 JUN 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

On 9 May 2018, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The New Zealand Labour Party has stated that MSD funds programs and services for Domestic Violence Victims. What is the amount of funding given to services focusing on male VICTIMS. And what percentage is this funding in relation to total funding of domestic violence programs and services.*

The Ministry funds a number of family violence prevention initiatives and services focused on supporting victims and perpetrators of family violence. In addition to this, the Ministry is also involved in the Ministerial Group Work Programme on Family Violence and Sexual Violence and is leading the Family Violence Primary Prevention and Responding to Victims work streams.

You might be interested to know that in the 2017/18 financial year, the Ministry provided \$23 million in funding for family violence victim support and perpetrator support services.

As part of Budget 2018, the Government has allocated \$76.157 million of additional funding over four years to support the stabilisation and strengthening of MSD-funded family violence services for victims, perpetrators and their families.

In the 2018/19 financial year the Ministry will invest an additional \$6.590 million to increase funding for family violence service providers that currently have contracts with the Ministry to provide direct family violence services as follows:

- Family and whānau services, including longer-term recovery, counselling and safety planning
- Programmes for self-referred, non-mandated perpetrators of family violence
- Immediate crisis response and support services for victims of family violence (and their children, where present)
- Longer-term psychological recovery services for victims.

Further information can be found on the Ministry's website at: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/2018/significant-funding-boost-for-family-violence-services.html

As you are aware, both men and women can be victims and perpetrators of family violence. The Ministry acknowledges this and does not differentiate funding for family violence services by gender.

A large proportion of the funding is provided to Women's refuge services which are generally services used by women. However, the Ministry understands that a number of these providers also deliver services to both women and men, as well as children.

As the Ministry does not provide funding by gender, the information cannot be broken down as you have requested. As such, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

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 shortly. 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding funding for family violence services, 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.

Yours sincerely



Marama Edwards
Group General Manager, Community, Partnerships and Programmes