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Dear 

On 4 September 2018, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Could you please confirm how much government funding is provided for female victims of domestic violence. In addition to this then could you please confirm how much government funding is provided for male victims of domestic violence. If possible could I please have this over a 5 year period.*

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 approximately \$23 million in funding for family violence victim support and perpetrator support services.

As part of Budget 2018, the Government allocated \$76.157 million of additional funding over four years to stabilise and strengthen MSD-funded services that respond to family violence. As a result of this increase the Ministry now spends approximately \$31 million on services for whānau and families, victims and non-mandated perpetrators. Further information is available 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 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. In accordance with section 18(g) of the Official Information Act, I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested as it 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,



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