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Dear 

On 17 June 2019, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *how much has the New Zealand Red Cross received since 2012 to provide refugee services?*

The Ministry (which includes the Ministry of Youth Development) has funded Red Cross New Zealand a total of \$10,164,172 between 2012/2013 and 2019/20. Please note that this funding total also includes \$7,000 for an outdoor leadership programme for youth with both refugee and non-refugee backgrounds.

Most of the funding pertains to Pathways to Employment (P2E) Programme, which is a programme that supports Ministry clients with a refugee background to prepare for, and achieve, sustainable employment. The target group is working age clients who are in receipt of a main Work and Income benefit, who arrived in New Zealand as either a Quota Refugee, Convention Refugee or through the Refugee Family Support Category.

The New Zealand Red Cross is contracted to run the Pathways to Employment programme across eight resettlement locations: Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill.

For the purposes of the Pathways to Employment Programme, participants will fall into one of two categories:

- Active Job Seeker (work ready) – a refugee background individual who has a basic conversational level of English and is available for work.
- Developing Job Seeker (not work ready) – a new arriving quota refugee who is working age and is either below a conversational level of English or is caring for dependents. Red Cross will work with them for a minimum of six months prior to exit.

Please find enclosed a table with the details of funding to Red Cross New Zealand between 2012/2013 and 2019/20.

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 and attachment 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, 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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Details of funding to Red Cross New Zealand between 2012/2013 and 2019/20

Provider Service Description	Start Date	End Date	Total Amount
DS - Employment Placement or Assistance Initiative	29/01/2013	30/06/2013	\$53,875
Pathways to Employment Service	10/12/2012	30/06/2013	\$173,000
Pathways to Employment	1/07/2013	30/06/2014	\$226,550
MCA - Work Preparation Services	1/06/2016	30/06/2016	\$7,000
Pathways to Employment Programme	1/06/2014	30/06/2016	\$2,098,320
Pathways to Employment	1/07/2016	30/06/2017	\$1,606,000
Pathways to Employment	1/07/2017	30/06/2018	\$1,700,960
Pathways to Employment	1/07/2018	30/06/2019	\$1,758,234
Pathways to Employment	1/07/2019	30/06/2020	\$2,178,234
Delivery of an outdoor leadership programme for 30 youth from varying both refugee and non-refugee backgrounds	1/01/2016	30/06/2016	\$7,000
Deliver social work and support services to refugees resettling in New Zealand	1/07/2012	30/06/2013	\$314,998
For provision of social work and support services to refugees in New Zealand	1/07/2012	30/06/2013	\$40,001
Total			\$10,164,172