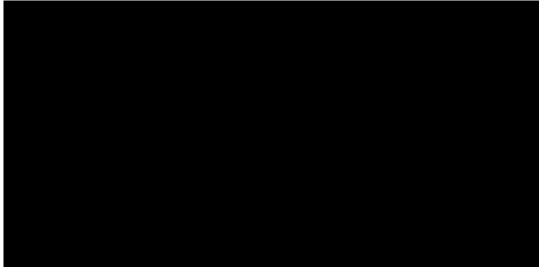




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On 24 January 2019, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The MSD spending by each Territorial Authority for the latest year available.*

The Ministry does not record total expenditure by Territorial Authority. The Ministry's expenditure takes a range of forms, including departmental spending, such as staff salaries, contracts for the provision of services, such as Building Financial Capability services, and benefit payments. Each of these items of expenditure is reported on in a way which best meets the Ministry's needs to allow for the efficient delivery of high quality services.

As such, your request for a breakdown of Ministry spending by Territorial Authority is refused under section 18(g) of the Act. The information is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds to believe that it is held by another department, Minister of the Crown, or organisation.

The Ministry does, however, regularly publish information regarding benefit recipients and expenditure on the Benefit Fact Sheets. These include a breakdown of expenditure on a range of supports by Work and Income Region. The Benefit Fact Sheets are available on the Ministry's website here: [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit).

If there is another form of expenditure in which you are particularly interested, for example the departmental spending, I encourage you to make this request to [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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