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Tēnā koe

On 27 March 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, details about *how much money is sent to The Salvation Army per week and per year*.

You were subsequently contacted by an Advisor seeking further clarification of your request. Since we did not receive a response from you, we have proceeded with providing you with details regarding the Ministry's contracts with The Salvation Army New Zealand Trust (The Salvation Army).

The Ministry contracts The Salvation Army to deliver a range of employment, youth development and social services across New Zealand. Examples of these services include: financial capability/budgeting services, social service support for people in emergency housing, vocational services for disabled people, and youth development services.

The Ministry publishes contract data annually, this information can be found at the following link: www.catalogue.data.govt.nz/dataset/msd-and-myd-contracted-funding-f20/resource/70b7c99d-fc33-4f17-bece-f8790d1e2031. Searching 'The Salvation Army' will provide you with the various contracts the Ministry has with The Salvation Army and the value of each contract.

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. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter 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 or if this information does not meet the intent of your request, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the Ministry's contracts with The Salvation Army, 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.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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