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Dear [REDACTED]

On 10 January 2020, part of your request for information to the Minister for Social Development Hon. Carmel Sepuloni was transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry), under the Official Information Act 1982. The following question was transferred:

- *The expenditure that has occurred in the supply of budgeting services to beneficiaries in the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 financial years.*

Please see Table One which shows the total budget for Building Financial Capability services (formerly known as Budget Services) for the 2016/2017, 2017/2018, and 2018/2019 financial years.

Table One: Total Budget for Building Financial Capability by financial year.

Financial year	Budget
2016/2017	\$14,962,562.49
2017/2018	\$15,072,562.49
2018/2019	\$16,166,562.49

Please note that the services offered in the 2017/2018 financial year have been expanded beyond the standard core Building Financial Capability services delivered to individuals and whānau by community NGOs. More information on the full range of services offered can be found at the following link: www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/providers/building-financial-capability/index.html.

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 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 budgeting 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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