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Dear

On 2 June 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *The total cost paid to provide the Ministry of Social Development with the "Child Injury in the preschool years" report (published by the Ministry in March 2021) and to whom this cost was paid?*

The Children and Families Research Fund's objective is to support high quality policy-relevant research which uses data from the Growing Up in New Zealand longitudinal study of more than 6,000 children. \$750,000 is available in funding each year. The Fund is open to non-government organisations, academics and public or independent research organisations with demonstrable research competence.

Research proposals are assessed by a panel of experts against criteria of research quality, team capability, policy relevance and partnership, and impact. The quality standards for measuring the supplier's performance are review of final deliverables by a subject matter expert, a research method and analysis expert, policy professionals, and submission of final research reports to the Ministry's Publications Committee. The timeframe for delivery is usually 12 months from a contract start date, however the delivery of some recent projects were delayed due to COVID-19.

In response to your request, I can confirm that Associate Professor Bridget Kool of the University of Auckland was awarded \$147,600 from the Ministry's Children and Families Research Fund Round Three, following a successful application to research Child Injury in the Preschool Years. The funds were paid to the University of Auckland. Other authors attached to the research project are named in the research report as Lisa Underwood, Susan Morton, Shanthi Ameratunga, Te Kani Kingi, and Avinesh Pillai.

More information on the fund, including previously funded research can be found on the Ministry's website at the following link: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/research/children-families-research/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

- 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 *the total cost paid to provide the Ministry of Social Development with the "Child Injury in the preschool years" report*, 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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