



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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On 15 January 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *Please list all Government Department Strategy (GDS) Indexes that were archived in 2019/2020, being those that were in operation as at 31 December 2018 (see list attached) but are no longer in operation as at 31 December 2020? Please state the date (e.g., month and year) and the reason the strategy was archived.*
2. *Please list GDSs that were moved to another department in 2019/20, being those that were in operation as at 31 December 2018 but is now being implemented by another government department as at 31 December 2020?*
3. *Please list all new GDSs (published in 2019/2020) (being those that are not on the list as at 31 December 2018)?*
4. *Please list all new GDS (published in 2019/2020) that have also been archived in 2019/20? I expect there will not be many of these.*

The Ministry does not have its own definition of what comes under a GDS. Therefore, in line with the response provided to you in December 2018, this response reflects the definition that you provided in your request: 'Key documents that drive public policy and reflect a significant investment and commitment by public officials and Members of Parliament'.

Please note that strategies published by other government agencies which would fall under your definition of a GDS are of relevance to the Ministry and at times would have been co-created or created with input e.g. with engagement from the Ministry. However, as these strategies are governed by other departments, they are not included in this response.

I will now respond to your questions in turn.

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The Ministry does not go through a formal process of 'archiving' documents that would potentially fall under the McGuinness Institute's definition of a 'GDS'. Table One below,

however, lists documents which are considered to meet your definition of being a GDS and are no longer in use, i.e. they have been 'concluded'.

Table One: Documents concluded in the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020

Document	Date published	Status	Status/ Comment OPPG
Positive Ageing Strategy	2001	Concluded 2019	Replaced by Better Latter Life - He Oranga Kaumatua 2019-2034 (Office for Seniors)
Disability Action Plan 2014-18	2014	Concluded 2019	Replaced by Disability Action Plan 2019-2023
Youth Investment Strategy	2016	Concluded 2019	In 2020, the Minister for Youth launched the Youth Plan 2020-2022: Turning Voice into Action - Rebuilding and Recovering. The Youth Plan sets out actions that government will take, in partnership with others, to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 for rangatahi.

2. *Please list GDSs that were moved to another department in 2019/20, being those that were in operation as at 31 December 2018 but is now being implemented by another government department as at 31 December 2020?*

The Ministry does not believe it has any documents that fall under the McGuinness Institute's definition of a 'GDS' and meet the criteria requested.

It may, however, be relevant to note that a number of documents which meet the McGuinness Institutes definition of a GDS operate through departments administered by the Ministry, e.g. the Office for Seniors, or span across the departments of other government agencies and organisations, e.g. the Ministry of Health.

3. *Please list all new GDSs (published in 2019/2020) (being those that are not on the list as at 31 December 2018)?*

Please find listed in the following table all documents which the Ministry believe fall under your definition of a 'GDS'. Note that we have included all active documents. 'Active' means that the document may be a living document and is, therefore, subject to ongoing change.

Table Two: Documents made active in the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020

Document	Link to publication	Date published	Status	Status/ Comment OPPG
Better Later Life - He Oranga Kaumatua (2019-2034)	https://superseniors.msd.govt.nz/about-superseniors/ageing-population/better-later-life-report/index.html#BetterLaterLifeHeOrangaKaumātua2019to2034Thestrategy0500	2019	Active	Office for Seniors – administered by the Ministry.
Disability Action Plan (2019-2023)	www.odi.govt.nz/disability-action-plan-2/	2019	Active	Office for Disability Issues – administered by the Ministry
Mahi Aroha - Carers Strategy Action Plan (2019-23)	www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/policy-development/carers-strategy/carers-strategy-action-plan-2019-2023.pdf	2019	Active	The Carers’ Strategy is a cross-agency strategy
Te Pae Tata - Māori Strategy and Action Plan	www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/strategies/te-pae-tata/te-pae-tata-maori-strategy-and-action-plan-single.pdf	2019	Active	Organisational – public facing strategy
Pacific Prosperity Our People, Our Solutions, Our Future	www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/strategies/pacific-strategy/index.html	2019	Active	Organisational – public facing strategy

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Future State report for elder abuse	www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/family-and-sexual-violence/2020-07-elder-abuse-in-aotearoa-the-proposed-future-strategy-for-elder-abuse-response-services.pdf	2019	Active	
Family Violence funding approach	www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/family-and-sexual-violence/family-violence-funding-approach.pdf	2019	Active	Not written as a strategy, but funding approach covers criteria referred to in McGuinness' GDS definition.
Youth Plan 2020-2022: Turning Voice into Action - Rebuilding and Recovery	www.myd.govt.nz/documents/young-people/youth-plan/youth-plan-2020-2022-turning-voice-into-action-rebuilding-and-recovering.pdf	2020	Active	Ministry of Youth Development – administered by the Ministry.
Social Sector Commissioning- Progress, Principles and Next Steps	www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/the-future-of-social-sector-commissioning/appendix-to-cabinet-paper-the-future-of-social-sector-commissioning.pdf	2020	Active	Guides work across a number of government agencies.
Disability Employment Action Plan - Working Matters (July 2020)	www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/disability-services/disability-employment-action-plan/index.html	2020	Active	Cross-agency plan launched August 2020 but is a living document (continually updated).

4. *Please list all new GDS (published in 2019/2020) that have also been archived in 2019/20? I expect there will not be many of these.*

The Ministry does not believe it has any documents that fall under your definition of a 'GDS' and meet the criteria requested.

The principles and purposes of the Act 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 Ministry's GDSs, 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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