



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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18 November 2021

Dear

On 20 October 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Please provide all memos at director level or above, between July 22 and today's date, regarding the wage subsidy scheme and Audit NZ and OAG recommendations.*

The Ministry has identified the following papers that are in scope of your request:

- REP/21/8/810 - Report - *Wage Subsidy Scheme: quarterly update on our on-going approach to integrity*, dated 27 August 2021
- REP/21/7/767 - Joint Report - *Wage Subsidy Schemes evaluation drawdown from the COVID-19 response and recovery fund*, dated 29 July 2021

The Ministry has provided you with REP/21/8/810 on 13 September 2021 in response to another request that you made to the Ministry under the Act. This document, therefore, is not included in this release.

Please note that for REP/21/7/767, under background of the report this date should be May 2021.

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 and attachments 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 Wage Subsidy reports since 22 July 2021 at director level, 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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