



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

28 February 2022

Tēnā koe

On 11 January 2022, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *All briefings, evaluations, updates, analyses or recommendations produced or received by the Ministry of Social Development since 17 August 2021 about potential or actual misuse, abuse or fraud of the COVID-19 wage-subsidy scheme*

In response to your request, please find the following documents attached:

- *REP/21/8/810 - Wage Subsidy Scheme: Quarterly update on our on-going approach to integrity*
- *REP/21/10/1147 - Wage Subsidy Scheme: Quarterly update on our on-going approach to integrity*
- *REP/21/10/1087 - Wage Subsidy Scheme: Investigation referrals to the SFO*
- *REP/21/8/886 - Legal framework and integrity measures for the Wage Subsidy August 2021*
- *REP/21/9/1032 - Update on Wage Subsidy August 2021 pending applications*

Joint reports with The Treasury in scope of your request have been released by The Treasury and can be found at the following link: www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/information-release/advice-covid-19-response-information-release.

Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the Act, as the information is subject to an obligation of confidence. If released, this would damage the public interest and as such, has been withheld.

A small amount of information has been withheld, from the following document, under section 6(c) of the Official Information Act where making that information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,

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- 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'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 are not satisfied with this response, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

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