



27 June 2022

Tēnā koe

On 30 May 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *How much of the \$109 million is currently under the MoH?*
- *How much of the \$109 million will be used for assets, like computers, office furniture etc.?*
- *How much of the \$109 million will be used to set up a quality IT system?*
- *How much of the \$109 million will be used for operational purposes?*

We interpret your request as relating to the Budget announcement of funding to the Ministry to establish a new Ministry for Disabled People. The Budget contained funding to establish a Ministry for Disabled People of \$107.859m over four years.

The funding will support the establishment of the new Ministry for Disabled People and support its ongoing operation from 1 July 2022. The new Ministry for Disabled People will drive improved outcomes for disabled people, lead cross-government strategic disability policy, deliver Disability Support Services, and lead ongoing work on Disability System Transformation. Funding also includes investment to develop disability leadership and capability within the disability sector. This initiative will potentially benefit up to 1.1 million disabled people in New Zealand.

For clarity, I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

- *How much of the \$109 million is currently under the MoH?*

All funding has been allocated to the Ministry for Disabled People.

- *How much of the \$109 million will be used for assets, like computers, office furniture etc.?*

The Ministry for Disabled People will acquire the use of assets through its host agency, the Ministry of Social Development. The cost for this has not been finalised, but will include use of assets like office furniture, IT equipment, and increasing the accessibility of the Ministry for Disabled people's workspaces.

- *How much of the \$109 million will be used to set up a quality IT system?*

The Ministry for Disabled People will acquire and further the use of information technologies through its host agency the Ministry of Social Development. The cost for this has not been finalized, but will include use of assets like network infrastructure, financial and human resources systems, and establishing technologies to enhance the voice and partnership of the Ministry for Disabled People with tāngata whaikaha Māori and disabled people.

- *How much of the \$109 million will be used for operational purposes?*

The cost for this has not been finalised yet, however, this funding covers staffing costs, shared services that the Ministry for Disabled People are purchasing from the Ministry of Social Development. Services for disabled people are separately funded.

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 about funding for the Ministry for Disabled People 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 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 about funding for the Ministry for Disabled People, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Cornwall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Justine Cornwall

Establishment Director

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