



29 March 2022

Tēnā koe

On 1 February 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *What GDSs have been archived (between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021)?*
- *What GDSs are new (as in published between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021)?*
- *What GDSs have been moved/shared between departments (between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021)?*
- *What GDSs were both new and archived in the 2021 calendar year?*

On 18 February 2022, the Ministry emailed you to let you know that more time was needed to respond to your request due to the consultations necessary to make a decision.

The Ministry does not have its own definition of what comes under a Government Department Strategy (GDS). In line with our previous response to you, this response reflects the definition as advised in your requests: that GDSs are 'key documents that drive public policy and reflect a significant investment and commitment by public officials and Members of Parliament'.

Please note that some 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-ordinated or created with input from and engagement with the Ministry. However, as these strategies are governed by other agencies, they are not included in this response.

In the interests of clarity, I will respond to your questions in turn.

- *What GDSs have been archived (between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021)?*

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. During the period of 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, there were no documents that meet your definition of being a GDS that we deem to have been archived.

The Ministry has identified two documents which meet your definition of being a GDS, that we deem to have been archived prior to 1 January 2021 and which were missed in previous responses to you. Please refer to **Table One** below which contains these documents.

Table One: Archived documents that have not previously been provided to the McGuinness Institute

Document	Date published	Status	Status/Comment OPPG
<p>The NZ Carers Strategy Action Plan</p> <p>Caring for the Carers – He Atawhai I te Hunga Ngakau Oha o Aotearoa 2014 - 2018</p>	February 2014	Replaced in November 2019	<p>Replaced by Mahi Aroha Carers' Strategy Action Plan 2019 – 2023.</p> <p>Available here: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/policy-development/carers-strategy/carers-strategy-action-plan-2019-2023.pdf</p>
<p>Elder Abuse in Aotearoa: The role and current state of MSD's Elder Abuse Response Services</p>	December 2019	Replaced in July 2020	<p>Replaced by Elder Abuse in Aotearoa: the proposed future strategy for Elder Abuse Response Services.</p> <p>Available here: 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</p>

- *What GDSs are new (as in published between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021)?*

Please refer to **Table Two** below which contains one document published in this period that meets your definition of being a GDS. Please note that the document is active, meaning that it may be a living document and therefore subject to change.

Table Two: Documents made active in the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Document	Link to publication	Date published	Status	Status/Comment OPPG
Better Later Life Action Plan 2021 – 2024	Available here: officeforseniors.govt.nz/assets/documents/our-work/better-later-life/Action-Plan/Better-Later-Life-Action-Plan-2021-to-2024.pdf	September 2021	Active	The Office for Seniors is administered by the Ministry.

The Ministry has identified four additional documents that meet your definition of being a GDS that were made active prior to 1 January 2021 but were missed in previous responses to you. As in **Table Two**, these documents are living documents while they are active. Please refer to **Table Three** below to see these documents.

Table Three: Documents made active prior to 1 January 2021 not previously provided to the McGuinness Institute

Document	Link to publication	Date published	Status	Status/Comment OPPG
Pathways for Change 2019 – 2023	Available here: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/family-and-sexual-violence/pasefika-proud-pathways-for-change.pdf	July 2020	Active	The Pasefika Proud initiative was launched in 2011.

Elder Abuse in Aotearoa: the proposed future strategy for Elder Abuse Response Services	Available here: 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	July 2020	Active	This is a living document that is responsive to the Joint Venture, Family Violence Sexual Violence.
Campaign for Action on Family Violence: Framework for change 2019 – 2023	Available here: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/family-and-sexual-violence/campaign-for-action-on-family-violence-framework-for-change.pdf	July 2020	Active	The Campaign for Action on Family Violence is an initiative of the Ministry and is part of a coordinated approach of the Government through the Joint Venture, Family Violence Sexual Violence.
E Tū Whānau Mahere Rautaki: Framework for Change 2019 - 2024	Available here: etuwhanau.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/ETW_Mahere_Rautaki_2019-2024-RD5a-lo-res-1-1.pdf	July 2020	Active	The E Tū Whānau initiative was launched in 2009.

- *What GDSs have been moved/shared between departments (between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021)?*

The Ministry was unable to locate any documents that meet your definition of a GDS that were transferred either to the Ministry from another agency or

department, or transferred by the Ministry to another agency or department during this period.

The Ministry has identified one document that meets your definition of being a GDS that was transferred to another department prior to 1 January 2021 which was missed in previous responses to you. Please refer to **Table Four** below.

Document	Date published	Status	Status/Comment OPPG
Social Housing Investment Strategy 2017/2018	August 2017	Transferred in October 2018	<p>In our December 2018 response to you we advised that the Ministry still considered the Social Housing Investment Strategy 2017/2018 as we remained responsible for client-facing activity including assessment for public housing need.</p> <p>In the time since our response to you, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has produced two Public Housing Plans which the Ministry sees as replacing the Social Housing Investment Strategy 2017/2018</p> <p>Transferred to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development in 2018. It is now referred to as the Public Housing Plan and is available to here: www.hud.govt.nz/community-and-public-housing/increasing-public-housing/public-housing-plan/</p>

- *What GDSs were both new and archived in the 2021 calendar year?*

The Ministry was unable to locate any documents that meet your definition of being a GDS that were both made active and archived during the period of 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

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 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 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 Government Department Strategies, 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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