



18 August 2023

Tēnā koe

On 31 May 2023, you contacted the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*...I refer to para 5 of page 30 of your document: 'Social Sector Commissioning, Progress, Principles and Next Steps' <https://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/planning-strategy/social-sector-commissioning/msd-social-sector-commissioning.pdf> para 5 says: Increase transparency on contracted funding and how funding decisions are made, in the short-term by publishing consistent annual contract data for all Social Sector Agencies – the Ministries of Social Development, Justice, Health and Education, Oranga Tamariki and the Department of Corrections, with information about how funding levels were determined.*

*I am interested in learning what annual contract data you currently have by geographic region and iwi...*

On 20 June 2023, you were contacted by the Ministry to request refinement of your request as it was broad in scope and was likely to be refused under section 18(f) for substantial manual collation. Following further emails, you confirmed on 27 June 2023 that you were seeking the information below.

*Data set providing a general description of MSD and MYD active contracts with contracted service providers for the delivery of employment, disability, youth development and social services for the year ending:*

- 30 June 2022
- 30 June 2021
- 30 June 2020
- 30 June 2019
- 30 June 2018

On 29 June 2023, the Ministry advised you that more time was required to respond to your request, in accordance with section 15(1) and 15A of the Act. The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.

The Ministry contacted you again on 28 July 2023 and advised that more time was required to respond to your request as we were working on providing you with a complete data set to meet the needs of your request. I thank you for your continued patience and apologise for the delay in providing a response to you.

Please refer to the attached **Appendix** containing a data set showing the Ministry and the Ministry of Youth Development's active contracts with contracted service providers for the delivery of employment, disability, youth development and social services for the period 2018-2022.

Please note, there are some provider locations missing from the data set and this will require additional time to respond if provided. To expedite a response, we are providing the data set to you as is. This information will be provided in the data set the Ministry will publish on the data.govt.nz website as soon as possible this year.

Some information regarding some individuals has also been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

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 and attachments 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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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