



27 February 2023

Tēnā koe

On 27 January 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Has the Ministry developed an action to meet its obligations under the Disability Action Plan. If so, could I have a copy please.

The Ministry has interpreted your request as asking for how the Ministry is meeting its obligations under the Disability Action Plan. The Disability Action Plan is led by the Office for Disability Issues. The Ministry's response sent 24 January 2023 to your request shows the most recent Disability Strategy and Disability Action Plan.

Because of the nature of the Disability Action Plan, the Ministry is responsible for outcomes relating to employment, accessibility, and choice and control. For example, under this OAP we have developed and launched Working Matters - Disability Employment Action Plan (www.msd.govt.nz/documents/what-we-can-do/disability-services/disability-employment-action-plan/working-matters-2020-spreads.pdf).

Please see the link below which outlines what the Ministry is responsible for under OAP:

www.whaikaha.govt.nz/assets/About-us/disability-action-plan-2019-1-page-printable-version.pdf

The Ministry reports progress bi-annually to the Office for Disability Issues. The 2021 reports are publicly available online and can be found here: www.odi.govt.nz/disability-action-plan-2/dap-biannual-reports/

In addition to our responsibilities under the DAP and more broadly, the Ministry's response to meeting the needs of disabled people is multi-faceted and components are woven through the work that we do on many levels and in many areas. For example:

- The Ministry has developed the Lead Toolkit to support employment of disabled people.
- We also have a range of employment programmes which are designed to specifically support disabled people or people with ongoing health conditions.
- We promote and coordinate all of government's Alternate Formats Process to support accessible information for disabled people.
- We also work closely with Disabled Peoples Organisations in many of our disabled people-responsive initiatives.

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, 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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