



13 March 2023

Tēnā koe

On 13 February 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Requesting records/reports regarding the 1991 Restart funding by the then Department of Labour of an employment scheme by the New Zealand Institute of Parapsychology aka Kevin Barnard aka Kevin Barnard Trust Foundation.

The Ministry has conducted extensive searches of its records system to try and locate the information in scope of your request, without success. On 23 February 2023, the Ministry asked you to refine your request to enable us to provide the information you are seeking. To date, we have not received a reply.

Accordingly, your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this document does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

However, while this Ministry has not been able to locate this information, we note that your request refers to a scheme implemented by the former Department of Labour (DOL). It is possible that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) may be able to assist with this request, as parts of DOL were transferred to it. You can find relevant contact details on MBIE's website at this link:

[Make a request for official information | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://www.mbie.govt.nz/official-information)

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

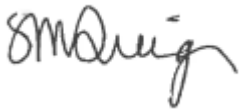
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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 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 records/reports on 1991 Restart funding, 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 black ink, appearing to read 'S Quigan', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Quigan
Manager Official Information