



5 April 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 6 March 2024, requesting information relating to the Government's 'traffic light' policy for beneficiaries. I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) and have responded to your questions in turn below:

- *I'd like to please know if any new consultants are going to work at MSD to help with the policy's introduction, or if any new staff will be brought in to help with the policy.*
- *In addition, please provide the total costs to the Ministry of this policy - happy with this to be a cost estimate.*

I can advise that this policy is not at a stage where costs estimates or numbers of new staff and/or consultants have been considered. As such, these aspects of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the Act. This information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

- *In addition, please provide all communication from the Ministry regarding this policy, including internal communication and consultancy documents.*

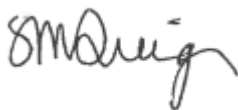
I can advise that this aspect of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act. This document does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request relating to the Government's 'traffic light' policy for beneficiaries, 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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