



22 August 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 28 June 2024, requesting a list of the agencies approved by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the purposes of section 24(1) of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 (the Act).

You will be aware your request was originally transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) for response. However, on 9 July 2024, MFAT transferred your request back to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) to respond. I apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the document does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. Please note that the process the Ministry follows is that we consult with MFAT on each individual case.

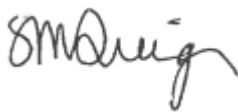
I am advised that the Ministry's report writer with the Senior Services Review team emailed you on 1 July 2024 with MFAT's decision on its review of the New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society/Arotahi assessment. You will be aware that MFAT determined that this agency did not fulfil the required qualifications as set out in the Act.

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

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, 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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