



28 August 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2024, requesting the following:

*All disposal orders for the ministry of social development from 1988 to 2017 from the chief archivist and the department of internal affairs in the interest of the public without delay*

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

Your request for 'disposal orders' has been interpreted as being for disposal authorities.

I have found 4 documents in scope of your request which are publicly available on Archives NZ's website. Please visit the below links for the documents:

- DA60  
<https://collections.archives.govt.nz/en/web/arena/search#/entity/aims-archive/DA60/da60>
- DA222  
<https://collections.archives.govt.nz/en/web/arena/search#/entity/aims-archive/DA222/da222?q=DA222&source=aims-archive>
- GDA 6 and 7  
<https://www.archives.govt.nz/manage-information/how-to-manage-your-information/disposal/general-disposal-authorities>

DA60, DA222 are agency specific, where GDA 6 and 7 are General Disposal Authority's for all agencies. I understand there is GDA 1 – 4 which are also specific to all agencies, however these are the responsibility for Archives NZ, you can contact Archives NZ directly, if you want copies of GDA 1 – 4. Some information on GDA 1-4 is publicly available on Archives NZ at the following link: <https://web.archive.org/web/20130217131808/http://archives.govt.nz/advice/public-offices/records-appraisal-and-disposal/general-disposal-authorities>.

From 1988 and 1992 the Ministry's previous disposal policy was phased out, leading to the introduction of AT92/48 which has been provided to you in the response of 8 August 2024. Documents pre-1992 would require substantial manual collation to potentially identify and locate, and as such, I refuse this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested pre-1992. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

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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