



17 December 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email dated 4 November 2024, in which you requested information about funding for Disability Support Services (DSS). DSS transferred from the Ministry of Disabled People – Whaikaha to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) in September 2024.

On 2 December 2024, the Ministry contacted you to advise that an extension was required to process your request. This is because the Ministry needed further time for consultation to make a decision on your request, which meant the original due date could not be met.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You will find the information you requested, in Excel format, provided as **Appendix 1**. The data covers the period 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2024.

Appendix 1 includes DSS-funded disability support services that were allocated by Needs Assessment and Services Coordination (NASC) organisations or Enabling Good Lives (EGL) sites. It excludes Environmental Support Services, which are allocated separately.

The Ministry has interpreted “funded” to mean the actual amount spent.

NASCs and EGL sites allocate and pay for support in a range of units. These units include days, weeks, half-days, hours, and dollars of support. Given the various implementations of these units across services, it is not possible to accurately convert these into comparable hourly units.


The count of people in **Appendix 1** is of those allocated a service within each period. The count of people allocated services is higher than the count of people utilizing services, as allocations may be partially used, or not used.

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, 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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