



23 July 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 4 June 2024, requesting information on the Ministry of Social Development's change process, role disestablishment and restructure since 27 November 2023, noting you refined part of the request on 18 June 2024.

On 3 July 2024 we advised that the Ministry required more time to respond to your request, and a response would be with you no later than 23 July 2024.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

- 1. The sum spent (if any) on contractors and/or consultants to assist with change processes, role disestablishments, restructures etc since 27 November 2023. This should include - but not be limited to - changes stemming from the Government's directive to reduce expenditure in the public service. If possible, please provide a breakdown of this figure month-by-month.*
- 2. Copies of Ministry's procurement process, contracts, emails, memos about the change process since 27 November 2023 that relate to any decision to employ the services of contractors and/or consultants to assist with those changes.*

I understand that you are interested in information about external services engaged by the Ministry, specifically as part of the recently announced change processes: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/2024/consultation-underway-on-proposed-changes.html>.

I have decided to provide you with a summary of the information, pursuant to sections 16(1)(e) and 16(2)(a) and (c) of the Act.

Contracted party	Period	Expenditure	Reason
HIVE Workplace Limited	October to March 2024	\$27,686.25	Assist the Information, Systems and Technology Group to adjust its operating model. ¹
Buddle Findlay Limited	February to March 2024	\$12,268.27.	Advice regarding voluntary redundancy process announced on 4 April.
Inside Recruitment Limited	May to July 2024	\$5,633.28.	Advice and support to the Ministry's Workforce Strategy and Organisational Design team in the development of materials with the change process.

Based on this summary please let me know if there is any information or document that you would like to request, and we will process that as a fresh request.

Please note, that should you request specific documents relating to these expenditure items, it is likely the Ministry will need to withhold some information under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(ba)(i), and 9(2)(h) of 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.

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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¹ HIVE Workplace Limited's initial contract with the Ministry commenced from 17 October 2022 to 24 February 2023. The services were initially contracted to assist the Information, Systems and Technology (IST) Group to adjust its operating model.