



27 March 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of about infringement notices and whether the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) imposes fines without convictions.

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

Does the MSD issue Infringement Notices?

I can confirm that the Ministry does not issue infringement notices.

If "yes" for what reasons?

Are Infringement Fees treated as instant fines?

Does MSD, in effect, impose fines without conviction?

Does MSD have any case law relating to fines being imposed without conviction

If the answer to "5" is "yes" will you please supply a list of the relevant cases.

In light of my response above to your first question, I am refusing your remaining questions under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

General information

You may be interested in the following link to information on the current regulations administered by the Ministry:

- www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/legislation/regulations/index.html

In addition, I have provided a link to information on the Ministry's responsibilities and functions:

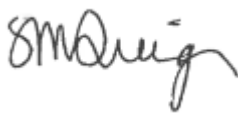
- www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/our-responsibilities/index.html

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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