



1 October 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email dated 9 September 2024 to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) in which you requested the following information:

- 1. What directives/instructions (verbal or written) have Ministers given your department on how to prepare advice and policy options, since December 2023.**
- 2. When was that directive given and by which Minister?**

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) and decided to refuse it under section 18(g). This is because 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.

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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