



14 October 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 17 September 2024, requesting information about:

- *any internal communications from November 27 2023 to today's date - September 17 - on: The removal of any provisions, 'perks', complementaries, facilities, or similar, such as the removal of pot plants, watercoolers and or Milo / hot chocolate / coffee (for example) in MSD / WINZ offices.*

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

The Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) has already responded to a similar request under the Act. Please find a link to our published response, which addresses your request: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/official-information-responses/2024/april/03042024-information-about-coffee-supplied-at-ministry-offices.pdf.

In order to provide you with all internal Ministry communications from November 27 2023 to 17 September 2024 about this issue, the Ministry would need to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to complete this task. The diversion of these resources would impair the Ministry's ability to continue standard operations and would be an inefficient use of the Ministry's resources. As such, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, requires substantial collation. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

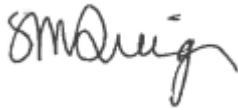
I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your requests given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

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.

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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