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Dear John Luke

On 31 August 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information regarding the panel members of the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) funds:

1. *What 'funds' do you have?*
2. *How many young people have you invited to be the panel member for the past two years?*
3. *Have you called for public expressions of interest, or what is your way of inviting young people to participate?*
4. *What is the pay rate of young panel members and are they different from members that are 'not young'?*

For the sake of clarity, I will respond to each of your questions in turn.

1. *What 'funds' do you have?*

MYD is responsible for administering the 'Vote Social Development – Partnering for Youth Development' appropriation. A large proportion of this appropriation is allocated to funding youth sector providers to deliver a wide range of holistic and strengths-based youth development and youth enterprise programmes for young people.

Over the past two years, MYD has administered the following two open tender funding processes:

- Positive Youth Development Promotion
- Expanding Youth Enterprise and Education

Information on MYD funding is publicly available on the MYD website, including information on how much funding is available for each funding round, how to apply for funding, and successful applicants for each funding round. The information can be viewed at the following weblink: [www.myd.govt.nz/funding/current-funding.html](http://www.myd.govt.nz/funding/current-funding.html).

2. *How many young people have you invited to be the panel member for the past two years?*

For the funding processes referenced above, four young people (under 25 years) were invited to participate on the panels. These individuals were invited based on a mix of knowledge, skills and experience. Of the four, two young people accepted the invitation. There was one young person on each panel.

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3. *Have you called for public expressions of interest, or what is your way of inviting young people to participate?*

A closed 'expressions of interest' process was used to identify suitable young people for both panels. MYD officials contacted young people that were part of the Youth Development sector and/or the enterprise community, and who were considered to have the required level of knowledge, skills and experience.

4. *What is the pay rate of young panel members, and are they different from members that are 'not young'?*

MYD applies the guidance within the Cabinet Fees Framework to establish fair and reasonable panel member fees rate. All panel members receive the same fixed rate one-off payment of \$500 plus GST (if applicable) for two days. The fee includes one day for preparation (reading and scoring applications) and one day sitting on the panel (agreeing funding recommendations).

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the panel members of MYD funds, 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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