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Our ref: OIA 90376

Dear Mr Lorenzen

### **Mental health funding**

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2021 to the Ministry of Health, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding mental health. Specifically, you requested:

*Please provide all relevant information around the 1.9 billion dollars earmarked for Mental Health NZ. Including, money spent on paid consultants.*

On 30 August 2021, your request was partially transferred to the Ministry of Justice as some of the information you requested falls within our responsibilities. We are providing you with information that relates to Vote Justice and/or Vote Courts.

We have interpreted your request for "all relevant information" to include the following information for each of our initiatives that were funded from the Budget 2019 \$1.9 billion mental health package:

- Initiative title and description
- Description of initiative deliverables
- Providers involved in the delivery of the initiative, including money spent on consultants
- Key updates on what the initiative has achieved so far
- Funding allocated, and expenditure committed and spent in the financial years 2019/20 to 2022/23.

There are three initiatives that include Vote Courts and/or Vote Justice funding and therefore fall within the scope of your request. I have provided a spreadsheet which outlines two of these initiatives:

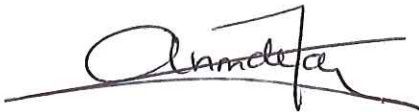
- Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court: Operational Support 2019/20
- Support for Victims: Ensuring Safe and Effective Justice and Improved Mental Health Outcomes.

Please note, the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court initiative includes funding for Vote Police, and this is included in our response.

The third initiative is titled An Effective, Timely Crown Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in Care (which includes funding for Vote Courts). This part of the request was transferred to Oranga Tamariki for response on 10 September. I understand that Oranga Tamariki will provide a response to you on behalf of all agencies involved in that initiative.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anouk Alexander', with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Anouk Alexander  
**Deputy Secretary, Strategy, Governance and Finance**

Encl: Excel spreadsheet – OIA 90376 - Mental Health Spend MOJ

**Vote Justice and Courts Budget 2019 mental wellbeing initiatives**  
 Information as at the end of July 2021

Initiative	Description	Deliverables	Providers involved in the delivery of the initiative	Key updates	Spend on consultants	Progress made in the quarter ending 30 June 2021	Vote	2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			Total		
								Allocated	Committed	Spent	Allocated	Committed	Spent	Allocated	Committed	Spent	Allocated	Committed	Spent	Allocated	Committed	Spent
Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court Operational Support 2019/20	Funding was provided to enable the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court to continue operating up to 30 June 2020.	Time limited funding for dedicated police prosecutors, court coordinators, and lawyer team leaders enabled the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court to continue operating at two sites in Auckland and Waitakere for one year up to 30 June 2020.	This was delivered internally by the Ministry of Justice and Police. No third party providers were contracted.	Funding for the AODT Court enabled continuation of the Court at the Auckland and Waitakere sites for a further year.	None	N/A	Justice, Courts, Police	0.650	-	0.588	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.650	-	0.588	
Support for Victims Ensuring Safe and Effective Justice and Improved Mental Health Outcomes	This initiative aims to ensure the justice system responds safely and effectively to victims of homicide and to improve their mental health. Funding will provide access to specialist end-to-end psycho-social services to victims and whānau bereaved by homicide going through the criminal justice system.	A national roll out of the specialist caseworker service for families and whānau bereaved by homicide. Families of homicide victims receive immediate wrap-around psycho-social support while going through the criminal justice system. Funds have been directed to Victim Support, which is contracted by the Ministry to deliver services to victims of crime. Victims (including children) have their safety secured and receive timely psycho-social support, advice and information from dedicated professionals to support their wellbeing during a traumatic and difficult time.	Victim Support	2019/20 financial year - 655 people affected by homicide received support through the Victim Support homicide caseworker service (including 151 victims of the Christchurch Terror Attacks). The initiative was in a pilot phase during this period. 2020/2021 financial year - 1,667 people affected by homicide received support through the Victim Support homicide caseworker service (including 206 victims of the Christchurch Terror Attacks). The increased numbers reflect the expansion of the service from its pilot status the previous year.	None	Victim Support have employed 17 FTE dedicated professionals who provide psycho-social support, advice and information to support victims of homicide during a traumatic and difficult time.	Justice	1.087	1.087	1.087	1.713	1.713	1.713	1.713	1.713	0.428	1.713	-	-	6.226	4.513	3.228

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