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Tēnā koe John Luke

On 19 December 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *May I ask what sort of advisory groups Vanisa Dhiru was set on within the MSD? Can you please provide name to the group, term of reference of this group, her term of appointment and the pay rate.*

The Ministry can advise that Vanisa Dhiru sat on an advisory group called the NGO Advisory Group from 2013 until 2016. Responsibility for the Group was transferred to the Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) in 2017. The Ministry does not hold documentation relating to the Group, such as terms of reference. We consulted Oranga Tamariki, who informed us it did not hold this information either. Therefore, I am refusing that part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as despite reasonable efforts to locate it, this information cannot be found.

The Ministry paid Vanisa Dhiru at a rate consistent with Level 3 of Group 4, \$190 - \$364 per meeting as set out in Cabinet Office Circular CO (12) 6. The link to this document can be found at [Cabinet Office Circular CO \(12\) 6: Fees framework for members appointed to bodies in which the Crown has an interest - 19 December 2012 \(dpmc.govt.nz\)](#). The exact amount that Ms Dhiru was paid is refused in full under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

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 and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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 this response, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Josie Nafatali". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Josie Nafatali
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Deputy Chief Executive's Office
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