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Tēnā koe Simon and Margaret

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your request, transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) on 13 August 2024, requesting information relating to the Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill.

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

- 1. All advice received and provided by the Minister in relation to the Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill.*

Please find attached the following documents:

1. REP/18/71/087 - International approaches to accessibility legislation
2. SWC Report back on Accessibility
3. REP/20/2/141 - Paper One - Accelerating accessibility
4. REP/20/2/053 - Paper Two - Accelerating accessibility - problem, objectives and system framework
5. REP/20/2/079 - Paper Three - Accelerating Accessibility - Domains and Standards
6. REP/20/2/080 - Paper Four - Accelerating Accessibility - Institutional Arrangements
7. REP/21/6/585 - Accelerating Accessibility Legislative approach to developing new enforceable accessibility standards
8. REP/23/2/082 - Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill – Update

Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Please find the following two cabinet papers received by the Minister on the Ministry's website:

- www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2020/framework-to-accelerate-progress-towards-accessibility-in-aotearoa-new-zealand.html
- www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/accelerating-progress-to-accessibility.html

2. *The paper which Minister Hon Penny Simmonds took to the Cabinet Legislation Committee titled 'Confirming the status of the Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill' on 21 March 2024.*

I understand this aspect of your request is being responded to by Whaikaha. If you have not received this information, I trust it will be provided to you in due course.

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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