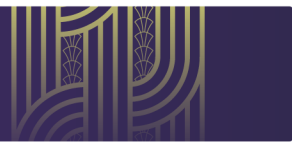


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Joyce

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12 November 2024

Tēnā koe Joyce

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, which was partially transferred to Whaikaha – the Ministry of Disabled People - (Whaikaha) on 17 October 2024. You sought:

Please provide copies of the costs (including indicative costs for:

- **Establishing the Ministry for disabled people, and costs associated with the transfer of functions as recently announced by Ministers**

Your request has been interpreted to be for costs of establishing the stand-alone Ministry of Disabled People, which is due to come into effect on 1 December 2024, and the transfer of employees to the Disability Support Services business unit within the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).

Whaikaha is currently working through the winding down of a departmental agency and establishing as a standalone Ministry, and the transfer of functions and people to Disability Support Services in MSD. Whaikaha is working on the basis that any changes are cost neutral.

Given Whaikaha is still working through transition and transfer aspects, the costs associated are yet to be fully determined. For this reason your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

You are welcome to submit this request again at a later date, when Whaikaha is in a position to produce this data. Whaikaha will likely be in a position in late December to understand the costs associated with the transfer and transition.

I note Whaikaha has partially transferred this request to MSD as the other responsible agency managing the transfer of disability support services functions.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, or if you are seeking any further information, please contact OIA_requests@whaikaha.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 black ink, appearing to read 'E.W.', enclosed within a simple rectangular box.

Emma Williams
Manager, Ministerial and Executive Services