



21 November 2024

Tēnā koe W. Forest

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 18 October 2024, requesting copies of the design documents relating to the traffic light system implementation, including requirements, test plans and disability or human rights assessments.

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

- *Please provide the technical high level and low level design documents relating to the traffic light system implementation that launched on 12 August 2024.*
- *Also please provide the requirements and test plans of the implementation of the system.*

Please see attached the following documents:

1. Traffic Light System – Phase One – Operational Policy Design Document
2. Test plan and Completion report – Traffic Light System – Phase One
3. Traffic Light System – Phase One – SIT test cases list
4. Minor System Design – Traffic Lights Phase One
5. MAP Failure Grade Levels/Statues to Traffic Light Systems Colours Completion Report
6. IRS239 Lift Sanction
7. IRS237 Advise Sanction
8. Traffic Light System Business Process

You have advised you did not need names and contact details of Ministry staff. As such, this information is redacted as out of scope of your request.

You will note that the information regarding some individuals is withheld 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.

Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act as, if released, it would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. The greater public interest is in ensuring that the commercial position can be maintained.

- *In addition provide the accessibility or disability or human rights act assessment against the implementation of the traffic light system.*

Please see paragraph 43 in the following Cabinet paper, Changes to welfare settings to support people into employment and off benefit: Traffic Light System, published here: [paper-changes-to-welfare-settings-to-support-people-into-employment-and-off-benefit-traffic-light-system.docx \(live.com\)](#).

As is standard practice for Government Bills, the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) will assess the Social Security Amendment Bill for its consistency with the Bill of Rights Act prior to its introduction.

Once the Bill is introduced, MOJ will then publish its advice on their website. If the Bill appears to be inconsistent with the Bill of Rights Act, the Attorney-General will also present a report in Parliament under section 7 of the Bill of Rights Act.

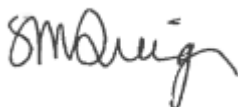
In addition, legal advice was provided relating to NZBORA considerations. This advice is withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the Act in order to maintain legal professional privilege. The greater public interest is in ensuring that government agencies can continue to obtain confidential legal advice.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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