

22 December 2021

Dear

On 26 November 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

• Provide me with a copy of the Terms & Conditions people are asked to sign once their business plan for Flexi-wage Scheme.

Flexi-wage Self-Employment provides support to eligible New Zealanders to start their own business and help with some of the costs while they get started. You can find more information regarding Flexi-wage Self-Employment at the following link: www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/flexi-wage-self-employment.html.

Please find a copy of the Flexi-wage Self Employment Subsidy Agreement enclosed.

The principles and purposes of the Act 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
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

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 regarding the Flexi-wage Self Employment Subsidy Agreement, 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.

Yours sincerely

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