



8 August 2022

Tēnā koe

On 15 July 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Over the last year how many NZSL Interpreters were allocated additional funding for each type of support (Job Support and Training Support) funds?*

On 26 July 2022, the Ministry emailed you to clarify your request to which you responded with agreeance of the interpretation of your request:

- *How many people are receiving Support Funds for NZSL Interpreters and were allocated additional funding for each of Job Support and Training Support funds.*

People receiving Support Funds for NZSL Interpreters are allocated funding for a 52-week period. In the last 12 months there have been 36 clients that have received additional Job Support Funding, as follows:

- 4 clients requested funding above \$16,900, which were approved;
- 3 clients received additional funding above their initial allocation to the maximum \$16,900;
- 29 clients received additional funding above their initial allocation but less than \$16,900.

No clients were allocated additional Training Support Funding, as there were no requests.

Please note, the above-mentioned data is provided by Workbridge, an external agency managing the Support Funds on the Ministry's behalf.

Support Funds provide help with the costs of disability for disabled people, including people with a health condition, in employment or employment related training.

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.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter publicly available. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry'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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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