



16 June 2025

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 16 May 2025, requesting all information related to the pay equity claims that sat under the Ministry.

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

We contacted you on 30 May 2025 to ask you to refine your request to enable us to provide the information you are seeking. However, to date we have had no response from you about refining your request.

Your request for all information, data and communication between government departments and politicians related to the pay equity claims, which sat under the Ministry to date, is very broad, and substantial manual collation would be required to locate and prepare all documents within scope of your request. As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

The Ministry did participate in a Public Service Commission-led pay equity process and two clerical and administration claims that required us to supply information to PSC as the lead agency. This closed over 18-months ago. You are welcome to make a new request, by requesting information the Ministry holds related to these two claims, for example.

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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Anna Graham

**General Manager**  
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