



30 June 2025

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 16 June 2025, requesting a copy of the Welfare Expert Advisory Group (WEAG) report.

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

The WEAG report is publicly available online at the following link:

<https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/20250408091237/https://www.weag.govt.nz/weag-report/>.

Since 2018 the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) has hosted the WEAG website that holds the 2018 Welfare Expert Advisory Group report and a range of background papers and information.

The Ministry has made the decision to decommission the website. This is because the website is on a very old content management system which would require significant investment to upgrade. The WEAG no longer needs an independent online presence as it concluded its work in 2019, and there will be no future updates to the site, so spending on upgrades and fixes would not be a sensible investment.

People will still be able to access the material from the WEAG site as it has been archived by the National Library and so is available here. The Ministry will update the WEAG content on its site to provide a links to the National Library content as well as WEAG related Cabinet Papers.

For clarity, the WEAG page and the archived version of the site can be found at the following two links:

- <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/research/weag/index.html>
- <https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/webarchive/20250408091237/https://www.weag.govt.nz/>

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 regarding the WEAG report, 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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