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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 30 January, requesting information provided to Cabinet and the Minister for Social Development regarding progress on 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.

All information about the WEAG, including the progress updates, can be found published online, here: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/research/weag/index.html. The last Cabinet paper progress of work update was in December 2022.

The last update on Recommendation One can be found, here: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2023/welfare-overhaul-work-programme-update-key-priorities-and-next-steps/appendix-one-weag-recommendations-and-progress-to-date.pdf.

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.

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 or 0800 802 602.

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