



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear

On 24 May 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. The number of people with a mental disability on a social security benefit in 2018, 2019, and 2020.*
- 2. The number of people with a disability on a social security benefit in 2018, 2019 and 2020.*
- 3. The amount of funding given to community organisations that help people with disabilities to obtain employment in 2018, 2019 and 2020.*
- 4. The amount of funding given to community organisations to assist people with disabilities in 2018, 2019, and 2020.*

The Ministry defines disabled people according to the definition provided in Article One of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) which says that disabled people include:

*"...those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others..."*

The Ministry has a twin track approach to services for disabled people. This means that disabled people can access all of the Ministry's mainstream services, and a range of specialist disability services, if they meet the eligibility criteria.

I will now respond to each of your questions in turn:

- 1. The number of people with a mental disability on a social security benefit in 2018, 2019, and 2020.*
- 2. The number of people with a disability on a social security benefit in 2018, 2019 and 2020.*

Please see **Table One** overleaf, which shows the number of Supported Living Payment benefits for the years ending December 2018 to December 2020, broken down by primary incapacity group.

**Table One: The number of Support Living Payment benefits for the years ending December 2018 to December 2020, broken down by primary incapacity group.**

Incapacity Group	As at Year End		
	December 2018	December 2019	December 2020
Accident	3,234	3,207	3,183
Blood and blood forming organs	486	504	492
Cancer	1,971	2,076	2,187
Cardio-vascular disorders	4,959	4,977	4,923
Congenital conditions	4,878	4,983	5,148
Designated Health Practitioner review, no medical entitlement	6	3	3
Digestive system disorders	1,008	978	1,017
Entry of foreign bodies	0	0	3
Genito-urinary disorders	1,116	1,104	1,116
Ill-defined conditions	1,308	1,473	1,572
Immune system disorders	180	174	162
Infectious or parasitic diseases	609	549	537
Intellectual disability	9,405	9,117	8,958
Metabolic and endocrine disorders	2,256	2,205	2,205
Musculo-skeletal system and connective tissue disorders	8,088	8,106	7,962
Nervous system disorders	6,477	6,513	6,618
Pregnancy related	9	6	6
Psychological or psychiatric condition	30,225	31,209	31,977
Respiratory disorders	2,559	2,559	2,436
Sensory disorders	2,094	2,058	2,043
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	264	291	291
Substance abuse	1,452	1,470	1,482
Unspecified	24	33	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,611</b>	<b>83,583</b>	<b>84,360</b>

**Notes:**

- To protect confidentiality the Ministry uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- A value of one or two may be rounded to zero or three.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.

3. *The amount of funding given to community organisations that help people with disabilities to obtain employment in 2018, 2019 and 2020.*

Please see below **Table Two**, which shows the total amount of funding given to community organisations that help people with disabilities to obtain employment in the financial years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

**Table Two: The total amount of funding given to community organisations that help people with disabilities to obtain employment in the financial years 2018, 2019 and 2020.**

Amount paid for employment	What the Ministry funds	Financial Year (ending 30 June)		
		2018	2019	2020
<b>Employment Service</b>	A specialist employment service that supports disabled people to gain paid employment and provides ongoing support while they are working.	\$ 21,440,794.71	\$ 18,598,094.03	\$ 18,240,008.90
<b>Support Funds</b>	Help to meet the additional costs disabled people may face when undertaking the same training or employment as a person without a disability. Managed by Workbridge on behalf of the Ministry.	\$ 7,283,333.33	\$ 7,073,414.80	\$ 6,833,659.21
<b>Mainstream</b>	A range of wage subsidies to help disabled people gain paid work experience.	\$ 3,450,897.09	\$ 3,685,898.83	\$ 2,712,103.12
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 32,175,025.13</b>	<b>\$ 29,357,407.66</b>	<b>\$ 27,785,771.23</b>

The cross-agency Oranga Mahi programme was established in 2016 to deliver a set of cross-agency prototypes in partnership with several District Health Boards (DHBs) and Primary Healthcare Organisations throughout New Zealand. Over the past three years Oranga Mahi have worked with health agencies to gain valuable insights about how to partner to improve outcomes for clients living with health conditions or disabilities.

Please see below **Table Three**, which shows the amount of funding given to community organisations by Oranga Mahi that help people with disabilities to obtain employment in 2018, 2019 and 2020. Please note that all of Oranga Mahi's services cover health and disability and therefore the full contract spend has been provided.

**Table Three: The amount of funding given to community organisations by Oranga Mahi that help people with disabilities to obtain employment in 2018, 2019 and 2020.**

	<b>F19</b>	<b>F20</b>	<b>F21</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	\$ 3,261,936.41	\$ 5,340,801.00	\$8,651,060.88	<b>\$ 17,253,798.29</b>

*4. The amount of funding given to community organisations to assist people with disabilities in 2018, 2019, and 2020.*

Please see below, **Table Four**, which shows the total amount of funding given to community organisations to assist people with disabilities in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

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<b>Disability Services</b>	<b>What the Minsitry buys</b>	<b>Financial Year (ending 30 June)</b>		
		<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Business Enterprise</b>	The Ministry pays a contribution to additional supervision costs because most staff are employed by Business Enterprises are disabled. (Most of the 900 disabled employees have minimum wage exemption permits).	\$ 4,188,796.43	\$ 4,194,000.18	\$ 3,910,872.30
<b>Community Participation</b>	Community based programmes aligned to the principles of Enabling Good Lives providing employment-related activities, community participation, or further education opportunities.	\$ 44,527,771.60	\$ 44,881,371.65	\$ 46,676,843.55
<b>Very High Needs</b>	Community based; individualised programmes aligned to the principles of Enabling Good Lives providing community participation. For people who had Very	\$ 18,563,740.60	\$ 19,295,534.19	\$ 20,924,255.32



	High Needs ORS verification at school			
	Provides disabled people in their final year at school with the opportunity to explore the employment, training and community participation options that will be available to them when they leave school			
<b>Transition from School</b>		\$ 989,151.00	\$ 1,103,516.00	\$ 976,337.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 68,269,459.63</b>	<b>\$ 69,474,422.02</b>	<b>\$ 72,488,308.17</b>

The Office for Disability Issues (ODI) is administered by the Ministry of Social Development. ODI is the focal point in government on disability issues and supports implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the New Zealand Disability Strategy.

For the financial years 2018 to 2020, ODI has provided funding to the following community organisations:

#### **New Zealand Sign Language Fund**

The funding grants awarded, including recipients and amounts, are all publicly available online through the ODI website at the following link: [www.odi.govt.nz/nzsl/nzsl-fund/previous-nzsl-fund-rounds/](http://www.odi.govt.nz/nzsl/nzsl-fund/previous-nzsl-fund-rounds/).

In order to be helpful, the funding allocated for the financial year beginning 30 June 2020 can be found at the following link: [www.odi.govt.nz/nzsl/news/nzsl-fund-round-7-recipients/](http://www.odi.govt.nz/nzsl/news/nzsl-fund-round-7-recipients/).

#### **Disabled Peoples Organisations Coalition (DPO Coalition) member organisations:**

Funding is provided to the DPO Coalition organisations to support the active involvement by government agencies of representative organisations of disabled people in decision making about policies and practices that affect disabled people. Please see below **Table Five**, which shows the total amount of funding provided to the seven current DPO Coalition organisations for the three years ending 30 June.

**Table Five: The total amount of funding provided to the seven current DPO Coalition organisations for the three years ending 30 June.**

	<b>F18</b>	<b>F19</b>	<b>F20</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	\$ 145,953	\$ 225,615	\$ 208,881	\$ 580,449

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
- 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 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](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.

Yours sincerely



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