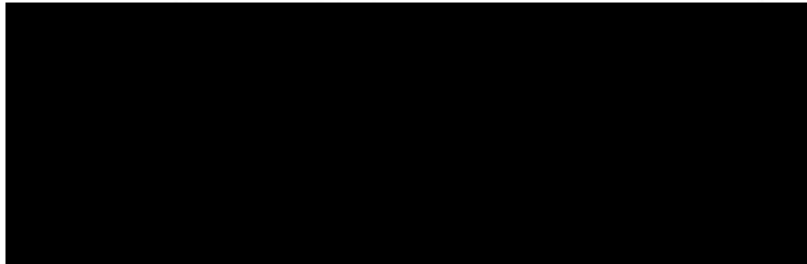


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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 25 August 2019 for:

- “1. How many staff (permanent and temporary) at the Ministry of Health work in DSS. Please nominate their roles.*
- 2. How much are individual organisations funded annually to be on DPOs? Please specify for each organisation.*
- 3. Please provide a copy of all the background papers and briefing papers to Ministers on the changes to Funded Family Care announced by the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern and the associate health minister Julie Ann Genter in July.”*

My responses to your questions are as follows:

- 1. How many staff (permanent and temporary) at the Ministry of Health work in DSS. Please nominate their roles.*

The number of current staff in Disability Support Services and the current roles they hold at the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) is set out the table attached as Appendix One to this letter.

The Ministry is currently going through a change process and, as a result, there is a restructure of the Disability Directorate underway at the moment. The vision is to create a team that is sector facing, with a support function that works across all teams. This will set up a Directorate that is clear on, and can deliver on, its responsibilities and accountabilities. As a result of this change process, a number of roles in the table attached have been disestablished, and a number of new positions have been created.

- 2. How much are individual organisations funded annually to be on DPOs? Please specify for each organisation.*

The Ministry does not fund individual organisations to be on Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs). For this reason, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) as the information requested is not held by the Ministry, and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

3. Please provide a copy of all the background papers and briefing papers to Ministers on the changes to Funded Family Care announced by the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern and the associate health minister Julie Ann Genter in July.”

Information in response to this part of your request is publicly available. Family Funded Care (FFC) Cabinet papers and minutes that supported the Government announcements in September 2018 and July 2019 have been publicly released on the Ministry website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/release-ministerial-decision-making-documents/funded-family-care-change-background-documents>

Further FFC documents have been made publicly available on the Ministry website under reference H201903381: <https://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests>. For this reason, your request for FFC papers is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

I trust that this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix One

Disability Support Services Staff as at 25 August 2019		
Role	Number of Staff	FTE
Permanent Staff		
Group Manager	1	1.0
Team Manager	5	5.0
Chief Advisor	1	1.0
Contract Relationship Manager	10	9.7
Development Manager	2	1.7
Advisor	3	2.8
Analyst	3	3.0
Business Support Analyst	3	2.5
Project Coordinator	1	1.0
Sub-total	29	27.7
Temporary Staff		
Team Manager	1	1.0
Team Admin	3	3.0
Development Manager	1	0.7
Sub-total	5	4.7
Total	34	32.4