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By email: s 9(2)(a)
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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 3 March 2022 regarding the Needs Assessment and Service Coordination service (NASC) and Enable NZ. I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

1. *How many people remain sitting under the NASC Continuation System, Enabling NZ, in the mid central region?*

There is no "NASC Continuation System" in the Mid-Central region. NASC Continuation is a data entry term that Enable NZ uses for people who choose to continue receiving an extension of their existing allocated disability support services rather than receiving supports allocated through the Enabling Good Lives approach. There are 610 people who are receiving an extension of their existing allocated disability supports.

2. *Is Enabling NZ taking on new clients?*

Enable NZ is not taking new clients.

3. *How many people sitting under the NASC Continuation System?*

Please refer to the response to question 1.

4. *How many disabled children are supported by Oranga Tamariki in this region?*

Mana Whaikaha does not record this information. On 21 March 2022, this part of your request was transferred to Oranga Tamariki and you can expect a response from them in due course.

5. *How many people are in receipt of a Mana Whaikaha budget?*

As of 16 March 2022, 1,626 people are in receipt of a Mana Whaikaha allocated support budget.

6. *What numbers have been refused MW funding?*

Not every person who engages with Mana Whaikaha will be eligible for disability support funding under the Ministry's criteria for funded disability supports. People who are not eligible for funding can be supported by a Mana Whaikaha staff member to navigate community or

other government agencies that are set up to support their individual needs. Mana Whaikaha does not have data on the total number of individuals in these circumstances.

7. *Have these same people been referred to the NASC?*

People engaging with Mana Whaikaha who are not eligible for disability support funding may be referred to other agencies such as an over 65 NASC, mental health or the Ministry of Social Development funded services.

I trust 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. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases.

Nāku noa, nā



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