

Official Information Act (OIA) requests

The Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) allows government information (official information) to be requested and made available unless there is a good reason to withhold it. Official information can include documents, reports, electronic files and manuals, emails and letters.

Making a request for information

If you would like to make a request, it should be as clear and specific as you can possibly make it, and you can either:

- Email us at info@swa.govt.nz or
- Write to us: Level 3, 117 Lambton Quay, Wellington 6011 or PO Box 639, Wellington 6140.

Please include:

1. Your full name
2. Contact phone number (daytime)
3. A contact address (email & postal)
4. Details of the information you want.

We may also ask you for more details to help clarify your request.

Before making a request for information

Before requesting official information from the SWA, we encourage you to check out the information on our website and note the reports sent to the minister [below](#). You may find the detail you need is already publicly available:

- [Briefing to the incoming Minister \(BIM\)](#)
- [Cabinet Papers relating to the SWA](#)
- [Fact sheets](#)
- ['How to' guides](#)
- [Data Exchange](#)
- [Measurement and Insights](#)

How long will it take to process my request?

The OIA requires a decision on your request to be made within 20 working days of the SWA receiving your request. This timeframe may be extended if your request is for a large volume of information, or if the SWA needs to consult. You will be notified if an extension to the timeframe is made.

Can information be withheld or refused?

Requests can be refused or information withheld, but only if a good reason exists under the OIA for not providing the information. The SWA will inform you of the reason for the refusal or why it is withheld.

Making a complaint

Contact us, we would like to work together to resolve your concerns.

You can make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman if you:

- Have concerns regarding the decision we made on your request; or
- are unhappy about the way your request was treated or processed.

These concerns can relate to the withholding of information, extending the timeframe to respond to you, any charges for providing the information you have requested, delays in providing you with a decision or the information.

The Office of the Ombudsman can investigate and review a decision and may make a recommendation to the agency if it is considered appropriate.

Recent Reports Provided to the Minister

Reports provided by the Social Wellbeing Agency to the Minister of Social Development between March 2020 and September 2020 as at 29 October 2020.

March 2020

[AGENDA] Social Investment Agency_Minister for Social Development Meeting 10 March 2020	6 March 2020
Data Protection and Use Policy: Update on progress towards policy implementation	13 March 2020
Evidence Centre and The Hub update – improving the use of evidence in decision making	13 March 2020
Annual review of the Social Investment Agency – post-hearing questions	13 March 2020
[AGENDA] Social Investment Agency_Minister for Social Development Meeting 23 March 2020	20 March 2020
Fortnightly Update Social Investment Agency_Minister for Social Development Meeting 23 March 2020	20 March 2020
Work programme A3 overview	20 March 2020
Social Wellbeing Agency / Covid-19 response	27 March 2020

April 2020

Estimates for Vote State Services	8 April 2020
Supplementary Estimates: Vote State Services	8 April 2020
Week Ending: 7 April 2020 Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update	9 April 2020

Social Wellbeing Agency / Covid-19 response update	9 April 2020
International responses to Covid-19: Domestic violence/child abuse	9 April 2020
Social Wellbeing and COVID-19 in Aotearoa-New Zealand: Five reasons for hope – both short and long-term.	17 April 2020
Social Wellbeing Agency / Covid-19 response update	17 April 2020
Week Ending: 24 April 2020 Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update	24 April 2020
May 2020	
Social Wellbeing Agency / COVID-19 response update	1 May 2020
Final Estimates Request for information on appropriations within the Vote State Services	1 May 2020
Week Ending: 8 May 2020 Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update	8 May 2020
Social Wellbeing Board upcoming meetings	8 May 2020
[Agenda] Social Wellbeing Agency / Minister Sepuloni meeting	22 May 2020
Week Ending: 22 May 2020 Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update	22 May 2020
Short Report Social Isolation	22 May 2020
SWB Chair presentation at Social Wellbeing Committee 27 May	22 May 2020
Update - Social Wellbeing Board May 2020A3	22 May 2020
June 2020	
SWB Chair presentation at Social Wellbeing Committee 24 June AM	19 June 2020
A3 SWB Chair presentation at Social Wellbeing Committee 24 June	19 June 2020
Draft Work programme for discussion AM	19 June 2020
A3 Social Wellbeing Agency 2020/2021 Work Programme –draft for discussion	19 June 2020

[AGENDA] Social Wellbeing Agency / Minister Sepuloni meeting 22 June 2020	19 June 2020
Week Ending: 19 June 2020 Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update	19 June 2020
July 2020	
Koi Tū: The Centre for Informed Futures - Re-engaging NZ with the World	3 July 2020
Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update Week Ending 3 July	3 July 2020
Aide Memiore: Ministerial Satisfaction Survey July 2020	3 July 2020
Supplementary Standard Estimates Post-hearing questions 2020-21	10 July 2020
Stats NZ: Algorithm Charter	17 July 2020
Social Wellbeing Board meetings: 21 and 23 July	17 July 2020
Active consideration - Withhold 9(2)(f)(iv)	21 July 2020
Active consideration - Withhold 9(2)(f)(iv)	21 July 2020
[Agenda] Social Wellbeing Agency / Minister Sepuloni meeting	27 July 2020
Social Wellbeing Agency 2020/21 Work Programme Briefing	27 July 2020
Social Wellbeing Agency 2020/21 Work Programme A3	27 July 2020
Data Protection and Use Policy implementation Briefing	27 July 2020
SWA work for the Social Wellbeing Board	27 July 2020
Potential roles for SWB in the Covid 19 Response and Recovery Funding for the Social Sector	27 July 2020
Week Ending: 24 June 2020 Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update	27 July 2020
Social Wellbeing Agency Staff Hui 30 July	29 July 2020
Ngā Tapuae: Levers of Change	31 July 2020

August 2020

Social Wellbeing Board discussion 5 August	4 August 2020
Week Ending: 7 August 2020 Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update	7 August 2020
Update on Data Exchange and Data Expertise and Capability	7 August 2020
[Agenda] Social Wellbeing Agency / Minister Sepuloni meeting	7 August 2020
Memo: Meeting Chief Science Advisors	14 August 2020
SWA annual report draft	14 August 2020
Week Ending: 21 August 2020 Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update	21 August 2020
The People's Project: Homelessness analytics	24 August 2020
Chief Science Advisors meeting 25 August 2020	24 August 2020

September 2020

Youth Mental Health in Aotearoa New Zealand: Greater Urgency Required	4 September 2020
Attachment: Mental health: a silent pandemic among NZ's youth	4 September 2020
Week Ending: 4 September 2020 Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update	4 September 2020
[Agenda] Social Wellbeing Agency / Minister Sepuloni meeting	4 September 2020
Active consideration - Withhold 9(2)(f)(iv)	4 September 2020
Monitoring COVID-19 Recovery Key wellbeing stories and indicators	11 September 2020
COVID-19 Caring for Communities Workstream Weekly Report 10 September 2020	11 September 2020
Week Ending: 18 September 2020 Social Wellbeing Agency Fortnightly Update	18 September 2020

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development between November 2019 and February 2020 as at 19 March 2020.

Manawa GovTech Update	1 November 2019
Minister Update week ending 1 November 2019	1 November 2019
Social Wellbeing Board membership	7 November 2019
SWB Chair/Minister meeting 7 November	5 November 2019
Data Protection and Use Policy Cabinet Paper	6 November 2019
Data Protection and Use Policy consultation and talking points for SWC	6 November 2019
Data Protection and Use Policy talking points for SWC	8 November 2019
Active consideration - Withhold 9(2)(f)(iv)	8 November 2019
Having a baby in South Auckland	15 November 2019
Manawa GovTech funding update	15 November 2019
Active consideration - Withhold 9(2)(f)(iv)	15 November 2019
Social Wellbeing Board 20 November meeting	15 November 2019
Fortnightly update week ending 15 November	15 November 2019
Active consideration - Withhold 9(2)(f)(iv)	22 November 2019
Fortnightly update week ending 29 November	29 November 2019
Social Wellbeing Board support - update	13 December 2019
Place-Based Initiatives evaluation report (AM)	24 January 2020
Attachment <i>Implementation and emerging outcomes evaluation of the Place-based Initiatives</i>	
Attachment <i>Report to SWB The Place-Based Initiatives – Progress and Timing of Contingency Drawdown</i>	
State Sector (Social Wellbeing Agency) Name Change Order	24 January 2020

Social Investment Agency/Minister for Social Development Meeting 13 Feb 2020	7 February 2020
Attachment <i>Fortnightly Update Social Investment Agency_Minister for Social Development Meeting 13 Feb 2020</i>	
Social Investment name change	10 February 2020
Appropriation name changes	11 February 2020
Agency Māori description - change	12 February 2020
Social Investment name change	14 February 2020
SWA Announcement: Morning Tea at the Agency	14 February 2020
Case Study: 'Towards better social sector decision making and practice: A social wellbeing approach'.	14 February 2020
Social Investment Agency_Minister for Social Development Meeting 24 Feb 2020	21 February 2020
Attachment <i>Fortnightly Update Social Investment Agency_Minister for Social Development Meeting 24 Feb 2020</i>	

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in September and October 2019 as at 16 December 2019

6 September 2019	Report to the Ministers of Statistics and Social Development: Data Futures Partnership – Ministerial Approval
6 September 2019	Data Futures Partnership 8 August meeting
9 September 2019	Topics for 10 September meeting with SWB chair
18 September 2019	Social Wellbeing Board 19 September meeting
20 September 2019	Withhold 9(2)(f)(iv) paper is under active consideration
20 September 2019	Data Protection and Use Policy (the Policy)
20 September 2019	Minister's Update Week ending 20 September 2019
27 September 2019	Overview of evaluation plan for Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

11 October 2019	Data Protection and Use Policy: Withhold 18(d) information soon to be publicly available
11 October 2019	Meeting pack: Data Exchange Uptake
11 October 2019	Minister Update week ending 11 October 2019
11 October 2019	SIA Report Measuring the impact of social housing placement on wellbeing
18 October 2019	Data Exchange Uptake and Funding
18 October 2019	Social Wellbeing Board/Ministers meeting 23 October

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in August 2019 as at 4 October 2019

7 August 2019	Data Ethics Advisory Group
2 August 2019	Family Violence and Sexual Violence meeting
2 August 2019	SIA Excerpt for SSC Annual Report
2 August 2019	Post-Hearing questions for 19/20 estimates
7 August 2019	Data Future Partnerships Meeting 8 August
9 August 2019	Data Protection and Use Policy implementation options for Cabinet paper
9 August 2019	Minister's Update Week ending 9 August 2019
16 August 2019	SIA 2018/19 Ministerial Satisfaction Survey
23 August 2019	Update on Place-based Initiatives Evaluation
23 August 2019	Kāinga Whānau Ora
23 August 2019	Minister's Update Week ending 23 August 2019
28 August 2019	9(2)(f)(iv)
28 August 2019	Draft Cabinet Paper Outline: Withheld under 9(2)(f)(iv)

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in July 2019 as at 4 September 2019

5 July 2019	Briefing on the Social Investment Agency: For the Incoming Associate Minister for Social Development
11 July 2019	Final draft: 19/20 Estimates Document
17 July 2019	Minister's Update Week ending 17 July 2019
19 July 2019	Final: 19/20 Estimates Document
26 July 2019	Data Protection and Use Policy Draft outline for Cabinet Paper
26 July 2019	Data Protection and Use Policy Cabinet Paper Outline Principles & Guidelines Implementation A3
26 July 2019	Minister's Update Week ending 26 July 2019
26 July 2019	DRAFT Business Plan for SIA
31 July 2019	Proactive release: Approval is release PBI cabinet paper Decemeber 2018
31 July 2019	Work for Associate Minister - Summary

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in June 2019 as at 12 July 2019

4 June 2019	Joint Ministerial Briefing – Withheld under 9(f)(iv)
4 June 2019	Data Protection and Use Policy: Talking points for upcoming Ministers meeting
14 June 2019	Fortnightly Update
28 June 2019	Fortnightly Update
28 June 2019	Joint Ministerial Briefing – Withheld under 9(f)(iv)

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in May 2019 as at 12 July 2019

10 May 2019	Fortnightly Update
24 May 2019	Fortnightly Update

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in April 2019 as at 12 July 2019

5 April 2019	Fortnightly Update
23 April 2019	Vote State Services: Social Investment
26 April 2019	Fortnightly Update

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in March 2019 as at 10 May 2019

Fri 22 Mar	A3 SIA Minister's Update 22 March 2019
Fri 22 Mar	Data Protections and Use Policy: Draft Cabinet Paper

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in December 2018 as at 30 January 2019

Fri 8 Feb	Aide Memoire and A3 – Withheld under 9(f)(iv)
Fri 8 Feb	SIA Minister's Update 8 February 2019
Fri 15 Feb	Aide Memoire - Data Exchange Agency Uptake Report Back (and Min of Fin)
Fri 15 Feb	Cover note – Withheld under 9(f)(iv)
Fri 22 Feb	Data Protection and Use Policy: Terms of Reference amendments
Fri 22 Feb	SIA Minister's Update 22 February 2019

Mon 3 Dec	Aide Memoire – Meeting 6 December with Dr Graham Scott
Mon 10 Dec	Aide Memoire – Cabinet paper The Place-Based Initiatives – progress, future arrangements and resourcing
Fri 14 Dec	Briefing – Developing the Data Protection and Use Policy

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in November 2018 as at 07 January 2019

Thu 29 Nov	Aide Memoire – Meeting with Digital and Data Ministers’ Group 5 December 2018
Thu 29 Nov	Aide Memoire – Letter from Minister of Statistics on Measurement Priorities for Statistics New Zealand

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in October 2018 as at 22 November 2018

Wed 3 Oct	Briefing – ‘Your voice, your data, your say on social wellbeing’: Summary of Findings
Wed 3 Oct	Briefing – ‘Your voice, your data, your say on social wellbeing’: Māori perspectives
Wed 10 Oct	Aide Memoire – The Place-Based Initiatives: [9(2)(f)(iv)]
Fri 12 Oct	Aide Memoire – Social Wellbeing Committee Oral item: Investing for Social Wellbeing approach
Fri 26 Oct	Aide Memoire – Meeting with Digital and Data Ministers’ Group 31 October 2018

Reports provided by the Social Investment Agency to the Minister for Social Development in September 2018 as at 9 November 2018.

Wed 5 Sep	Aide Memoire - Meeting with Minister James Shaw on Cabinet paper Towards New Data and Statistics Legislation Discussion Document: Approval for release
Thu 13 Sep	A3 - Draft SIA Future Strategy and Work Programme
Fri 14 Sep	Briefing – A What Works function for New Zealand
Fri 28 Sep	A3 - Engagement hui update #6
Fri 28 Sep	Aide memoire – Further [9(2)(f)(iv)]
Fri 28 Sep	Briefing – [9(2)(f)(iv)]

Related links

[Ombudsman guidelines](#)

[Official Information Act 1982](#)