



11 October 2016

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Executive Assistant to ██████████  
MP for ██████████  
Parliament Buildings  
WELLINGTON

Dear ██████████

**Official Information Act request dated 13 September 2016**

I am writing in response to your Official Information Act (the Act) request that was transferred to Superu from the Ministry of Social Development on 13 September 2016:

- *Confirmation of the date of release of the research commissioned by the Ministry to Superu into benefit outcomes; and*
- *Any reports, briefings, aide memoirs, research, and advice given to the minister that are about, or include mention of, off the benefit outcomes research by Superu from February 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 until today (16<sup>th</sup> August 2016); and*
- *Any correspondence, including emails, between the Minister's office and staff at Superu that are about, or include mention of, off the benefit outcomes research between February 1st 2016 and today (16<sup>th</sup> August 2016)?*

In response to your request I have identified two items within the timeframe of your request (February 1 2016 to 16 August 2016) that relate to the off-benefit outcomes research.

The first is a briefing titled "Off-benefit transitions: where do people go?" dated 30 June 2016. The second is an email sent from a Superu staff member to Minister Tolley's office on 15 March 2016, subject line "Ministerial Social Sector Research Fund: Where do people go when they move off benefit?"

Both items contain advice which is under active consideration by the Minister for Social Development. When Len and I met with you we indicated that the work would be published but we didn't have a date and therefore would not be able to share findings at this stage.

This advice is still currently under consideration by the Minister and a publication date has yet to be determined.



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I am therefore withholding both these documents in full in reliance on sections 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act. In making decisions to withhold official information, I have considered whether the withholding of that information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. On balance, there does not appear to be any overriding public interest reasons that support the release of the information withheld.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
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Yours sincerely

Clare Ward  
**Chief Executive**