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Dear Mr Nielson

Official Information Request
Our Ref: SSCOIA 2019/0265

I refer to your Official Information request which was transferred to the State Services Commission from the Ministry of Social Development on 9 December 2019 where you have asked:

- *When was the Social Wellbeing Board created?*
- *Who is a member of the Social Wellbeing Board?*
- *Who chairs the Social Wellbeing Board? When were they appointed?*
- *What is the purpose of the Social Wellbeing Board?*
- *A copy of the agenda and papers for the most recent three meetings of the Social Wellbeing Board."*

Establishment of the Board

The Social Wellbeing Board (formerly the Social Investment Board) was initially established by Cabinet on 10 April 2017.

Members of the Social Wellbeing Board

Current membership of the Board includes the chief executives of the Ministries of Health, Education, Justice, Social Development, and Housing and Urban Development, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Te Puni Kōkiri, Oranga Tamariki and New Zealand Police.

Chair of the Board

The State Services Commissioner has acted as the Chair of the Board since its establishment.

Purpose of the Social Wellbeing Board

The purpose of the Social Wellbeing Board is to lead a collective approach across the State sector working on cross-cutting issues to improve the social wellbeing of current and future New Zealanders.

Information being released

We have identified the documents listed in the table below within scope of your request:

Item	Document Description	Decision
1	Agenda's and associated papers for the Social Wellbeing Board meetings for September, October and November.	Released in part

We have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- section 18(d) – that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- section 9(2)(f)(iii) – the political neutrality of officials
- section 9(2)(f)(i) – the confidentiality of communications by or with the Sovereign or her representative
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of a department or organisation in the course of their duty.

We are finalising the consultation required with all the relevant agencies, before these documents can be released to you on 11 February 2020.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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