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Tēnā koe Nick

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 23 September 2024, to the Ministry of Disabled People - Whaikaha (the Ministry) seeking information relating to the My Home My Choice programme.

This letter communicates our decision in relation to each part of your request. The documentation outlined in this letter will be provided to you next week. We are currently in the final stages of preparing it for release to you.

- **Any briefing papers, whether in draft or final, regarding the work completed to date, programme direction or recommendations.**

The Ministry has decided to grant this part of your request, and next week you can expect to receive copies of the following documents:

Date	Title
February 2024	Funding Request: My Home, My Choice
4 April 2024	Excerpt from Transformation Management Board Meeting 4 April 2024
15 May 2024	My Home, My Choice Nōku te Kainga Noho Nōku te Whakatau – update on the implementation of the Intensive Response Team
26 May 2024	Funding Request: Improving outcomes and public value – residential care
6 June 2024	Excerpt from Transformation Management Board Meeting 6 June 2024
July 2024	My Home, My Choice Programme Report
August 2024	My Home, My Choice Programme Report
August 2024	Update to the Transformation Management Board following the Independent Review of Whaikaha and subsequent Cabinet decisions



- **Any internal correspondence within the Ministry regarding the programme, including but not limited to, any repositioning of the programme by the new government, whether the work completed to date should be shared publicly, advice provided by advisors within the Ministry, discussions regarding the findings from consultation with service providers and service users, consideration of the findings of the Royal Commission regarding abuse in care.**

The Ministry has identified some relevant email correspondence, which will be released to you, however finding all internal correspondence on the topic of the My Home My Choice programme would require substantial research and collation, therefore the majority of this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA.

We believe the documentation that will be released to you next week will provide you with the information you are seeking, however after reading you are welcome to make a more refined request for internal correspondence.

- **Any advice and/or external correspondence regarding the programme, including but not limited to, correspondence with Ministers, third parties or researchers**

You will be provided copies of advice provided to the Minister for Disability Issues. No advice or correspondence from other external parties or researchers has been identified as in scope.

I note information about My Home, My Choice was also provided in the publicly available 2024 Briefing to the Incoming Minister, which can be found here: <https://www.whaikaha.govt.nz/assets/About-us/Corporate-Publications/BIMs/Whaikaha-2024-BIM.pdf>

I will be in touch within the next week to provide you with the documentation outlined in this decision letter.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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