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Dear Elspeth

Thank you for your email of 2 May 2026, in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

*I request the following information relating to the Social Investment Fund Ministerial Group's June 2025 decision on priority cohorts, including the decision document titled "Social Investment Fund: Setting priority outcomes and cohorts of interest" (or any equivalent or associated decision documents).*

**1. Decision-making material**

*Please provide any briefings, advice, Cabinet papers, aide-memoires, or other formal decision-making documents that informed or supported the Ministerial Group's June 2025 decision on priority cohorts, including any material specifically relating to the consideration and non-selection of children with ADHD or FASD.*

**2. Criteria and assessment framework**

*Please provide any documents that set out:*

- *the criteria used to assess and prioritise cohorts*
- *how those criteria were applied in practice*
- *any weighting, scoring, or comparative framework used to assess cohorts*

**3. Comparative assessment and rationale**

*Please provide any documents that record how children with ADHD or FASD were assessed against the prioritisation criteria, including:*

- *any analysis of expected outcomes, benefits, or investment impact*
- *any identified risks, limitations, or constraints*
- *any comparison with cohorts that were selected*
- *any recorded rationale for not progressing this cohort as a priority*

**4. Records of decisions**

*Please provide any records of discussions or decisions made by the Ministerial Group relating to cohort selection, including minutes, notes, or summaries, where ADHD or FASD was considered.*

The Social Investment Agency releases Social Investment Fund Ministerial Group meeting packs on a quarterly basis. The 26 June 2025 meeting pack, which includes the document requested titled *Social Investment Fund: Setting priority outcomes and cohorts of interest* and material relevant to the assessment of children with ADHD or FASD as potential priority

cohorts, is publicly available on the Social Investment Agency's website at the following link: <https://www.sia.govt.nz/publications/SIFM-papers-june-2025>.

Accordingly, parts one, two, and three of your request are refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

In response to part four of your request, I attach the Social Investment Fund Ministers Meeting Actions from the 26 June 2025 Social Investment Fund Ministerial Group meeting.

I have also identified relevant notes held by my office relating to this decision, as set out below. The wording below reflects the notes as recorded by my office. I have not identified any consolidated record of notes taken by other attendees, and the meeting records do not indicate whether individual attendees created separate notes that would fall within the scope of your request:

- *Socio-economic – families who can pay for diagnosis are v. different to lowest socio-economic areas.*
  - *Need to interrogate quality of that data – self-selecting.*
- *Cohort as a blend – not discrete.*

One further note has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act *to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.*

I have considered the public interest in release and do not consider it outweighs the need to withhold that information.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Hon Nicola Willis  
**Minister for Social Investment**