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Tēnā koe Meghanniva

Official Information Act 1982 Request – OIA 2526-1381

Thank you for your request for information about Asylum Seekers Support Trusts which was received by the Department of Internal Affairs on 16 June 2026. You have requested the following:

Please provide any reports held by DIA about Asylum Seekers Support Trust (ASST) for the 2025 and 2026 reporting years, including:

- *Monitoring Reports;*
- *Impact Evaluation Reports;*
- *Annual Returns;*
- *Financial Reports;*
- *Performance Reports;*
- *Audit Reports;*
- *Service Delivery Reports.*

In response to your request I can provide you with the following information

I note that the organisation is Aotearoa Refugee Support Trust, rather than Asylum Seekers Support Trust (ASST). Searches were undertaken using both names, and the relevant information was identified under Aotearoa Refugee Support Trust.

Please refer to Appendix A attached alongside this letter for copies of grant records held by the Department for Aotearoa Refugee Support Trust that fall within the scope of your request.

These are released to you with some information withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act, the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered if the reasons for withholding the information are outweighed by other considerations, which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. I have not identified any public interest that outweighs the need to withhold the information.

Some of the information has been omitted from the documents as it falls outside the scope of your request, any information of this nature has been marked as 'out of scope'.

The financial reports for Aotearoa Refugee Support Trust can be found on the Charities Website at www.charities.govt.nz. Therefore, this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), that the information is publicly available.

I must advise that the Department does not hold monitoring reports, impact Evaluation reports, Performance reports, Audit reports or Service Delivery reports relating to Aotearoa Refugee Support Trust. Therefore, we are refusing this portion pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act because the requested documents do not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decisions about your request by the Ombudsman pursuant to section 28(1) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington or by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Aiolupotea Sina Aiono

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