



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
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Tēnā koe Matthew Chipping

On 9 August 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. Has your agency contracted work to Research New Zealand in the last five years?*
- 2. If so, did you provide private information or data on individuals to Research New Zealand?*
- 3. If so, what agreements did you make with Research New Zealand regarding privacy and data retention?*
- 4. Have you been notified of any data breaches, security issues, or privacy issues with Research New Zealand?*

In response to your first, second and third question, I can advise that the Ministry has not contracted Research New Zealand within the last five calendar years from the date your request was made (9 August 2021), or since the beginning of the 2016/2017 financial year (1 July 2016).

With regard to your fourth question, I have made enquiries with the Ministry's Privacy team and have been advised that the Ministry has no records of privacy breaches that relate to Research New Zealand.

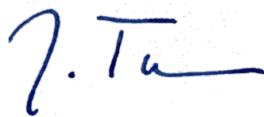
The principles and purposes of the Act under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Research New Zealand, 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Turner', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Judith Turner

**Manager**

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