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- [23] 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
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- [29] 9(2)(d) - to avoid prejudice to the substantial economic interests of New Zealand
- [31] 9(2)(f)(ii) - to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting collective and individual ministerial responsibility
- [33] 9(2)(f)(iv) - to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by ministers and officials

- [34] 9(2)(g)(i) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
- [36] 9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege
- [37] 9(2)(i) - to enable the Crown to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage or prejudice
- [38] 9(2)(j) - to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice
- [39] 9(2)(k) - to prevent the disclosure of official information for improper gain or improper advantage
- [40] not in scope
- [41] 18(c)(i) - that the making available of the information requested would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment
- [42] 18(d) - information is already publicly available or will be publicly available soon.

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Vote: Social Development

Title: Employment Service Response to COVID-19

Description: This initiative provides funding for employment services to respond to the impact and assist with the recovery from COVID-19. It will increase the capacity of the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to provide employment support by expanding and adjusting MSD's employment support services enabling MSD to take a more proactive and innovative approach with employers and employees, including providing 'light touch' services before people enter the benefit system.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	100.000	50.000	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	100.000	50.000	-	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Improved Employment and Social Outcomes Support (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Improving Employment Outcomes (funded by revenue Crown)	-	80.000	40.000	-	-
Improving Work Readiness Outcomes (funded by revenue Crown)	-	20.000	10.000	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Employment and Social Outcomes Support (MCA)	-	100.000	50.000	-	-
Total Operating	-	100.000	50.000	-	-

Vote: Social Development

Title: Employment and Financial Support Response to COVID-19

Description: This initiative will increase the workforce capacity of the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to provide financial support services for an increased number of people expected to become unemployed due to COVID-19. This will expand and adjust MSD's employment resourcing to support more people requiring employment assistance and expand MSD's service delivery workforce to support more people estimated to require financial assistance.

Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	110.000	80.000	40.000	20.000
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	110.000	80.000	40.000	20.000

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 & Outyears
Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure:					
Improved Employment and Social Outcomes Support (MCA)					
<i>Departmental Output Expenses:</i>					
Administering Income Support (funded by revenue Crown)	-	77.000	56.000	40.000	20.000
Improving Employment Outcomes (funded by revenue Crown)	-	33.000	24.000	-	-
Total Multi-Category Expenses and Capital Expenditure: Improved Employment and Social Outcomes Support (MCA)	-	110.000	80.000	40.000	20.000
Total Operating	-	110.000	80.000	40.000	20.000