

**Subject:** Official Information Act Request - 11/06/13 - Revision.

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Good Afternoon Mr

You may recall that you requested, on 11 June 2013, information about the salaries of three Ministry of Social Development staff members, Dr David Bratt, Anne Hawker and Dr David Rankin.

On 12 July 2013, the Ministry advised you that it considered the Ministry's need to protect the privacy of the individual outweighed any public interest in this information. Accordingly, your request was refused under Section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act.

Following dialogue with the Office of the Ombudsman, the Ministry has now revised its view and notes that, whilst the Official Information Act provides good reason to withhold the actual salaries of Dr Bratt, Ms Hawker and Dr Rankin on the basis of their privacy, the public interest requires that further information be released.

The Office of the Ombudsman considers that salary range information can be released as an appropriate balance between privacy and an agency's accountability for the value they have accorded a particular role.

Therefore, I can advise that the salaries of Dr Bratt, Ms Hawker and Dr Rankin fall within a range of \$120,669 and \$234,837.

I hope this information is of value. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may refer the matter to the Office of the Ombudsman for review.

Kind regards

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