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Thank you for your email of 18 June 2025 to the Social Investment Agency (SIA) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I am requesting the release of documents relating to any outcomes-based contracting arrangements entered into, supported, or administered by your agency, including but not limited to:

1. *Contracts or agreements structured around payment-for-outcomes, social impact bonds, pay-for-performance models, or success-contingent funding;*
2. *Any associated documentation outlining:*
 - *Outcome metrics and indicators;*
 - *Payment schedules linked to outcome achievement;*
 - *Evaluation or verification frameworks;*
 - *Risk-sharing mechanisms or investor involvement;*
 - *Contract management or governance provisions.*

This request covers all outcomes-based initiatives from 2015 to the present, including pilots, feasibility studies, and full-scale implementations.

I acknowledge that certain commercially sensitive information may justifiably be withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. However, I respectfully request that:

- *Only specific financial figures or proprietary methodologies be redacted where necessary;*
- *Entire clauses or documents not be withheld in full where partial disclosure is possible;*
- *A clear indication be given where any redactions are made (e.g. using blackouts with margin notations citing the relevant OIA section).*

If your agency did not directly hold such contracts but played an advisory or monitoring role (e.g., in collaboration with Treasury, other agencies, or private intermediaries), I would appreciate access to any related memoranda, reports, or governance documentation.

On 4 July 2025 Aphra Green, Deputy Chief Executive - Policy & Investment Advice, spoke with you to clarify your request, understanding that you were interested in our standard form outcomes agreement more than the thinking around outcomes agreements SIA had previously done. On that call Aphra let you know that we have developed an outcomes-based contracting agreement for the Social Investment Fund. You confirmed this was the information you were requesting.

As part of a suite of documents and information to prepare providers for the first round of funding, SIA will publish our outcomes-based contracting agreement in August 2025, on the SIA website here: <https://www.sia.govt.nz/social-investment-fund>.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act *that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available*.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact info@sia.govt.nz

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsty Anderson".

Kirsty Anderson
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