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On 14 October 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *How many of your staff are based in the following districts: Timaru, Waimate, Mackenzie.*
- *How many of your staff were based in those three districts in 2013*
- *The total amount of money paid in salaries to those staff in those areas this year.*
- *The same figure as above for 2016.*

The Ministry employs almost 10,000 staff who work at more than 290 locations in New Zealand. In the last year the Ministry has administered, on behalf of government, a total spend of \$23.2 billion in social services outcomes, received 2 million visits to its frontline offices, received 148,000 notifications of child abuse and neglect and answered over 12 million phone calls.

The table below shows the number of full time equivalent (FTE) staff located in the Timaru District and South Canterbury site as at the end of October for 2013 and 2016. The table also shows the amount the Ministry paid in salaries for the same dates.

Staffing numbers and salary as at the end of October	31 October 2013	31 October 2016
Total Timaru and South Canterbury staff	68.8	55.6
Total Annual Salary	\$4,201,210.00	\$3,538,476.00

It is important to note, staff may work from a number of different locations and offices throughout New Zealand. The downward changes are attributed to normal resourcing changes due to attrition, leave and recruitment activity. No staff were recorded as being based in the Waimate and Mackenzie districts from the Payroll information collated.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

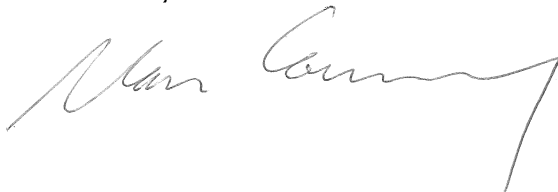
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public after ten working days. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response regarding the number of staff in the Timaru and South Canterbury site with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, 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 or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Cassidy', with a long, sweeping underline.

Alan Cassidy
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