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On 14 February 2017 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The breakdown of benefit duration to outcomes as requested at the Operational Group meeting for Limited Services Volunteers following on the 16 December 2015?*
- *Copies of reports completed by Police Mentors completed at the end of each Limited Service Volunteer course as requested at the Operational Group meeting for Limited Services Volunteers following on the 16 December 2015.*
- *A copy of the minutes of the Operational group meeting for Limited Services Volunteers following the meeting on the 16 December 2015.*
- *A copy of the minutes and agenda of the joint ministers and any correspondence relating to the meeting held on the 16 June 2015 regarding the future of the Auckland Limited Service Volunteer programme.*

I understand that point two of your request was transferred to the New Zealand Police for response and point four was transferred to the Minister for Social Development, Hon Anne Tolley for her response.

On 7 February 2017, the Ministry provided you with a copy of the meeting minutes titled '*Limited Service Volunteers, Operational Group Meeting Minutes*', dated 16 December 2015.

I have provided the two tables below that show the breakdown of benefit duration to outcomes as requested at the operational meeting held 16 December 2015.

**Table one: The number of months a client had spent on benefit prior to the commencement of the LSV programme as at 16 December 2015.**

Benefit Duration in Months			
Less than 3 months	3 – 6 Months	6 – 12 Months	Over 12 Months
281	156	147	133

**Table two: The percentage of clients who were off benefit 16 weeks after completing an LSV programme, by their benefit duration prior to commencing LSV.**

<b>Breakdown of 12 or more months and percentage off benefit</b>	
1 to 2 years	39.0%
2 to 4 years	28.6%
4 or more years	20.0%

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 shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments 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 Limited Services Volunteer programme 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, 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.

Yours sincerely



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