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Dear 

On 31 May 2018 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *INZ labour market portal information for the month of May 2012, for Dairy Cattle Farm Workers, in Canterbury; or*
- *The emails sent between MSD to INZ in the month of May 2012, for Dairy Cattle Farm Workers, in Canterbury.*

As you were advised on 5 June 2018, the Ministry is unable to source the original information you have requested. As discussed, the Ministry has sought to produce data as similar as possible to that which would have been provided to Immigration New Zealand regarding Dairy Cattle Farm Workers in Canterbury in May 2012.

Please find attached a table that shows the number of working age clients for whom previous dairy farm related work experience was recorded as at the end of the June quarter 2012. This data represents the available data closest to that which would have been provided to the Ministry of Immigration regarding Dairy Cattle Farm Workers in Canterbury in May 2012.

This data was provided quarterly to the Department of Labour. The Ministry is unable to confirm whether this is the same as that which was provided to Immigration New Zealand, as this data is not held by the Ministry and is not believed to be held by any other agency, however this is believed to be the closest estimate available.

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 available to the wider public shortly. 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 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 regarding data provided to Immigration New Zealand in 2012 regarding dairy cattle farm workers, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.Wise', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Cassandra Wise  
**Team Manager, Issue Resolution**

**The number of working age clients in the Canterbury region on unemployment related benefits with recorded previous work experience related to dairy farm work as at the end of the June quarter 2012.**

<b>Previous occupation</b>	<b>Number of clients</b>
Dairy Farm Assistant	13
Dairy Farm Hand	20
Dairy Farm Worker	8
Dairy Farmer or Manager	6
Share Milker, Relief Milker and other occupations	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>

Notes:

- Unemployment related benefits included are the Unemployment Benefit and Unemployment Benefit Hardship
- An individual client may be included more than once where they had work experience across several relevant occupations
- A client may have reported more than one employment spell in a given occupation, however will only appear in this report once for each prior occupation
- 'Dairy Farm Hand' includes occupations recorded as 'Dairy Farm Hand' and 'Dairy Farm General Hand'
- 'Share Milker, Relief Milker, and other occupations' includes occupations recorded as 'Sharemilker', 'Relief Milker', 'Milk Harvester', 'Farm Hand Livestock' and 'Farming Assistant Livestock'
- Please note that 'Farm Hand Livestock' and 'Farming Assistant Livestock' are not necessarily solely related to dairy farm work.