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Dear [REDACTED]

On 22 January 2018, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *How many youth were on the benefit and how many found full-time employment. I specifically need numbers for Kaitaia (Far North) and national numbers to compare.*

You may be interested to know that in December 2016 the Taitamariki 500 (T500) initiative was established in Northland. It is a multi-agency initiative led by the Ministry and Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK) and is also supported by the Ministry for Primary Industries, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and the Tertiary Education Commission.

T500 combines youth-centric case management with innovative contracted services aimed at providing young people with the skills that will prepare them for the working environment.

T500 pairs a pre-employment programme from Kaikohe Opportunities Dreams and Experience (KODE), and a 12 month wrap-around support service by Manaaki Tangata for work ready participants, their employers or training providers.

KODE Plus is a programme that provides intensive support for T500 participants who are not yet ready to work.

There are three KODE/KODE Plus providers in Northland. Oranga Tangata is the Kaitaia programme which is run by Ngati Kahu Health and Social Services. Additional information regarding this programme can be accessed at the following link: <https://tehiku.nz/te-hiku-tv/haukainga/5805/oranga-tangata>

Please find enclosed the following four tables:

- Table one shows the number of 18 to 24 year old clients in receipt of a main benefit as at the end of each quarter in the calendar year 2017, broken down by region.
- Table two shows the number of 18 to 24 year old clients in receipt of a main benefit at Kaitaia Service Centre, as at the end of each quarter in the calendar year 2017.
- Table three shows the number of 18 to 24 year old clients who have had a benefit cancelled for the reason 'obtained work' for each quarter in the calendar year 2017, broken down by region.
- Table four shows the number of 18 to 24 year old clients at the Kaitaia Service Centre who have had a benefit cancelled for the reason 'obtained work' for each quarter in the calendar year 2017.

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You may be interested to know that the Ministry publishes quarterly benefit statistics online. These statistics can be accessed here: [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/)

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 concerning youth beneficiaries in Kaitaia, 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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**General Manager, Ministerial and Executive Services**

**Table one: The number of 18 to 24 year old clients in receipt of a main benefit as at the end of each quarter in the calendar year 2017, broken down by region.**

<b>Region</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>June 2017</b>	<b>September 2017</b>	<b>December 2017</b>
Auckland Metro	11,755	11,179	10,916	11,225
Bay of Plenty	3,994	3,700	3,887	4,154
Canterbury	3,693	3,736	3,692	3,866
Central	3,277	3,251	3,186	3,229
East Coast	2,704	2,872	3,145	2,927
Nelson	1,321	1,323	1,237	1,217
Northland	2,434	2,322	2,286	2,392
Southern	3,010	3,117	3,148	3,041
Taranaki	2,692	2,700	2,671	2,689
Waikato	4,559	4,391	4,346	4,488
Wellington	3,922	3,811	3,685	3,931
Other	168	213	173	4,771
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,529</b>	<b>42,615</b>	<b>42,372</b>	<b>47,930</b>

**Notes:**

- This table includes all clients aged 18 to 24 years inclusive.
- Main benefits includes Jobseeker Support related, Jobseeker Support Student Hardship, Sole Parent Support, Supported Living Payment related, Youth Payment, Young Parent Payment, Emergency Benefit and Emergency Maintenance Allowance.
- Main benefits exclude New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit, and Unsupported Child Benefit.
- Region "other" includes Service Centres that do not reflect a geographical location, such as Call Centres, Youth Service, and the Central Processing Unit.
- Geographic breakdowns are based on the Service Centre responsible for the client's case management. The client may not necessarily reside within that region.

**Table two: The number of 18 to 24 year old clients in receipt of a main benefit at Kaitaia Service Centre, as at the end of each quarter in the calendar year 2017.**

<b>Service Centre</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>June 2017</b>	<b>September 2017</b>	<b>December 2017</b>
Kaitaia	527	479	408	451

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**Table three: The number of 18 to 24 year old clients who have had a benefit cancelled for the reason 'obtained work' for each quarter in the calendar year 2017, broken down by region.**

<b>Region</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>June 2017</b>	<b>September 2017</b>	<b>December 2017</b>
Auckland Metro	1,449	1,531	1,310	1,271
Bay of Plenty	578	748	442	477
Canterbury	462	432	419	392
Central	413	381	345	392
East Coast	618	340	259	522
Nelson	232	182	164	187
Northland	286	333	222	214
Southern	618	385	433	558
Taranaki	288	240	228	319
Waikato	661	714	644	574
Wellington	576	514	459	482
Other	503	58	96	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,684</b>	<b>5,858</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>5,415</b>

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- This is a count of 'cancels' for each quarter. A client may have a cancelled benefit more than once in a quarter.

**Table four: The number of 18 to 24 year old clients at the Kaitaia Service Centre who have had a benefit cancelled for the reason 'obtained work' for each quarter in the calendar year 2017.**

<b>Service Centre</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>June 2017</b>	<b>September 2017</b>	<b>December 2017</b>
Kaitaia	50	59	61	40

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