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On 21 January 2019, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the number of people aged over 65 years residing in each community in the Bay of Islands. It was later clarified that the Ministry was only able to provide data regarding Super Gold Card holders and New Zealand Superannuation (NZ Super) recipients.

New Zealand Superannuation is a fortnightly payment made to New Zealanders aged over 65 who are permanent residents or citizens and normally live in New Zealand. New Zealand Superannuation recipients do not have to have retired from work as it is not income tested. For more information about New Zealand Superannuation including eligibility criteria please see the Work and Income website: www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/seniors/superannuation/superannuation-overview.html

National data for both New Zealand Superannuation and the Veteran's Pension can be found on the Ministry website: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/2018/quarterly-benefit-fact-sheets-nzs-and-vp-tables-sep-2018.xlsx

The attached table shows the number of New Zealand Superannuation and Veterans' Pension recipients in the Bay of Islands region, broken down by Area Unit, along with the number of Super Gold Card holders.

You will note that the number of NZ Super and Super Gold Card holders differ. This is due to the fact that eligibility criteria for the Super Gold Card are different to that of NZ Super. More information about Super Gold Card eligibility can be found at the following webpage: <https://www.supergold.govt.nz/info-for-cardholders/about-the-supergold-card.html>

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 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding New Zealand Superannuation recipients in the Bay of Islands area, 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



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Area unit	New Zealand Superannuation and Veterans Pension recipients	Super Gold Card holders	Unique clients
Waitangi	161	167	168
East Opuā	97	104	105
Haruru Falls	176	194	197
Kawakawa	143	148	149
Kerikeri	1,664	1,732	1,736
Moerewa	112	120	122
Paihia	348	364	367
Pokere-Waihaha	315	322	325
Russell	209	224	225
Waihou Valley-Hupara	497	508	515
West Opuā	49	55	56
Total	3,771	3,938	3,965