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Dear [REDACTED]

On 2 December 2018, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- 1) *Number of people on the unemployment list in Taranaki from 1 November 2018 to 21 November 2018*
- 2) *How many people are on the long waitlist for work*
- 3) *If a person/people are on the pension are they automatically not allowed or excluded from the unemployment list?*
- 4) *During January 2018-December 2018, how many jobs in Taranaki were listed on the Work and Income database, what were they, and how many were available in the Taranaki Tourism industry and the outdoor guiding industry?*
- 5) *During 2018 how many and what jobs have been listed on the Work and Income Job Vacancy database by the Department of Conservation in Taranaki?*

On 11 December 2018 a Ministerial and Executive Services Advisor emailed you to explain why the Ministry has interpreted questions one and two of your request as follows:

- the number of people who are receiving Jobseeker Support (JS) with work ready requirements in Taranaki Region as at 30 September 2018
- of those receiving JS with work ready requirements as at 30 September 2018, how long have they been receiving that benefit.

JS is a temporary benefit paid while clients look for work, are in training for work or unable to work due to a health condition, injury or disability. More information is available here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/jobseeker-support.html.

As at 30 September 2018, 4,376 people were receiving JS with work ready requirements in the Taranaki Region. Further information about numbers of people receiving a benefit is available here: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/2018/benefit-fact-sheets-september-2018.pdf.

For your reference, table one enclosed, contains a breakdown of the length of time these clients have continuously been receiving JS.

Job Connect is a service that provides work focused services to all job seekers to support them into work as quickly as possible. This includes both self-directed support and the provision of employment related activities including employment workshops. Job vacancies are advertised by Work and Income through Job Connect and Work Broker teams.

Employers can contact Job Connect or a Work Broker to list a job vacancy. The employer will provide the skills and experience required for the position so that Work and Income

can refer applicants that match those skills and experience. All decisions about who to appoint are made by the employer.

There is no time ranked waitlist for job vacancies. People who are best suited to a job vacancy will be matched to the job regardless of how long they have been looking for work.

People receiving New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) are not obligated to look for work in order to receive their entitlement. People receiving NZS can register their interest in any of the jobs listed with Job Connect and are contacted if they meet the main requirements of the vacancy.

Table two enclosed shows that from 1 January 2018 to 30 September 2018 there have been five job vacancies listed in the guiding industry. Eight positions were referred from the Department of Conservation to Work and Income between 1 January 2018 and 30 September 2018. These include one 'Administration Worker' position, six 'Conservation Worker' positions and one 'General Labourer Agriculture' position.

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

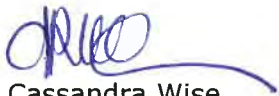
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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 unemployment in the Taranaki Region, 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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Table one: Number of working age Jobseeker Support Work Ready clients in Taranaki as at 30 September 2018, broken down by continuous duration on a benefit.

Length of time on a benefit	Number of people
<3 months	865
>3-6 months	562
>6 months - 1 year	742
>1-2 years	736
>2-3 years	443
>3-4 years	283
>4-5 years	160
>5-6 years	93
>6-8 years	131
>8-10 years	113
Over 10 years	248
Total	4,376

Notes:

- JS Work Ready benefits include JS Work Ready related and JS Work Ready Training Related, and Jobseeker Support Work Ready Hardship.
- Continuous duration in the benefit system gives a picture of how long the current recipients of a particular benefit (or benefit group) have been continuously in the wider benefit system, including time on all benefits except Unsupported Child Benefit, Orphans Benefit, New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension and non-beneficiary assistance.

Table two: Number of employment positions advertised through Work and Income in the Taranaki region between 1 January 2018 and 30 September 2018, broken down by job title.

Job title	Number of positions
Account Manager New Accounts	1
Accountant	2
Accounts Administration Assistant	2
Administration Assistant	13
Administration Coordinator	3
Administration Support Officer	1
Administration Worker	3
Administrator General Office Clerk	1
Advertising Designer	1
Advertising Sales Representative	1
Advertising Salesperson	1
Advertising Telemarketer	1
After School Care Assistant	1
Agricultural Machinery Operator	19
Air Conditioning Installer	1
Air Conditioning Mechanic	1
Air Conditioning Serviceperson	1
Alarm Technician	1
Arborist	2
Arborist's Assistant	2
Area Sales Manager	4
Asbestos Demolition Worker	6
Assistant Dairy Farm Manager	20
Assistant Farm Station Manager	5
Assistant Manager Customer Service	2
Assistant Operations Manager	1
Assistant Retail Manager	2
Automobile Parts Salesperson	4
Automotive Technician	1
Back Store Manager	1
Baker	12
Baker Pastry Chef	1
Baker's Assistant	5
Bakery Assistant	4
Bakery Supervisor	1
Bar Attendant	1
Bar Staff	2
Barista	11
Barperson	9
Beauty Therapist Skin Care	1
Beef Boner	1

Job title	Number of positions
Beekeeper	17
Blocklayer's Labourer	2
Bobby Calf Lifter	3
Bottling Line Worker	1
Branch Manager	1
Bread Delivery Driver	2
Bricklayer	1
Bricklayer's Labourer	3
Builder Construction Labourer	1
Builder's Assistant Construction	1
Builder's Labourer Carpenter	2
Builders Labourer Cement or Concrete	1
Builder's Labourer Construction	11
Building Maintenance Carpenter	1
Business Manager	1
Butcher Retail	1
Butcher Apprentice	1
Cable Laying Telecommunications	6
Cable Technician Telecommunications	2
Cafe Assistant Counter Staff	25
Cafe Assistant Food Preparation	2
Cafe Assistant Wait Staff	9
Cafe Manager	2
Cafe Supervisor	1
Cafe Worker Food Preparation	1
Cafe Worker Wait Staff	1
Calf Rearer	1
Call Centre Operator	4
Car Groomer	3
Car Painter	1
Car Painter's Labourer	3
Car Rental Worker	4
Car Stereo Installer	1
Car Valet	5
Caregiver Home Health	3
Caretaker Maintenance and Repairs	1
Carpenter Builder	1
Carpenter's Assistant	1
Carpenter's Labourer	1
Carpet and Vinyl Layer	4
Carpet Cleaning Technician	1
Carpet Installer's Assistant	1
Carpet Layer's Assistant	2
Carpeting Labourer	1
Case Manager	1
Cashier	2

Job title	Number of positions
Cattle Farm Worker	1
Ceiling Fixer	1
Chainsaw Operator Forestry	6
Chairside Assistant Dental	8
Checkout Cashier	1
Checkout Operator	5
Chef	11
Chef A La Carte	1
Chef Chinese Cuisine	1
Chef Curry and Tandoori	1
Chef Indian Cuisine	1
Chef Restaurant	1
Chicken Sexer	8
Child Carer	1
Civil Construction Worker	12
Civil Engineering Technician	9
Cladding Labourer	3
Cleaner Commercial	111
Cleaner Domestic	1
Cleaner General	15
Cleaner Industrial	14
Cleaner Motel Hotel	3
Coating Painting and Spraying Machine Operator	1
Coating Painting and Spraying Machine Setter	1
Commercial Painter	3
Commis Chef	2
Community Caregiver	2
Community Support Worker Medical	13
Community Support Worker Mental Health	8
Computer Design Printer	1
Computer Repair Technician	1
Computer Trainer	1
Concrete Labourer	3
Concrete Placer	2
Concrete Pump Operator	2
Concrete Worker	4
Concreter	1
Conservation Worker	6
Construction General Labourer	30
Construction Labourer	4
Cook	19
Cook Asian Food	1
Cook Breakfast	1
Cook Cafe	5
Cook Chinese Food	1
Cook Fast Food	2

Job title	Number of positions
Cook Indian Food	1
Cook Japanese Food	1
Cook Rest Home	3
Cook Restaurant	2
Cook Restaurant Grill	1
Cook Short Order	1
Correction Officer Prison	1
Counter Assistant	4
Courier Driver	1
Crew Member Fast Food	19
Curtain Installer	3
Custodian	1
Customer Service Assistant	17
Customer Service Manager	3
Customer Service Officer	1
Customer Service Person	21
Customer Service Representative	5
Customer Services Assistant	2
Dairy Farm Assistant	112
Dairy Farm Assistant Manager	7
Dairy Farm Hand	3
Dairy Farm Manager	1
Dairy Farm Worker	5
Dairy Farmer	1
Dairy Herd Manager	12
Dairy Milker	1
Dairy Shop Assistant	10
Data Entry Operator	1
Data Entry Person	1
Day Porter	3
Deck Hand Fishing	3
Deli Assistant	3
Delicatessen Supervisor	1
Delivery Driver	15
Digger Operator Excavating	2
Directional Driller	5
Dishwasher	6
Dispatch Worker Warehouse	1
District Advisor Medical and Health	1
Door to Door Sales Representative	3
Drainlayer	1
Driver Agricultural Equipment	1
Driver Dial A driver	1
Duty Manager	19
Earth Driller	1
Earthmoving Machine Operator Excavation	1

Job title	Number of positions
Education Administrator Preschool or Childcare	1
Egg Collector	2
Electric Line Mechanic	5
Electrical Service Technician	1
Electrician	1
Electrician's Apprentice	1
Engineer General	1
Engineering Shop Labourer	1
Engineering Worker	3
Equipment Operator Logging	2
Estimator	1
Event Organiser	1
Excavation Machine Operator	1
Excavator Driver	1
Excavator Operator	1
Fabrication Trainee	4
Fabricator Structural Metal	2
Fabricator Welder	5
Factory Hand	2
Factory Labourer	25
Factory Production Worker	10
Factory Worker	12
Family Social Worker	1
Farm Cadet	1
Farm Equipment Mechanic	1
Farm General Worker Agriculture	1
Farm Labourer Agriculture	31
Fast Food Assistant	1
Fast Food Manager	5
Fast Food Supervisor	3
Fast Food Worker	2
Fencing Labourer	1
Fibreglass Worker	3
Field Sales Representative	3
Firewood Worker	1
Fish and Chip Shop Assistant	1
Fish Loader and Unloader	1
Fish Packer	4
Fitness Instructor	2
Fitter and Welder	1
Fitter Welder	4
Fleet Manager	3
Floor Laying General Labourer	5
Floor Sales Person	1
Floor Sander's Labourer	1
Flooring Labourer	2

Job title	Number of positions
Florist	1
Food and Beverage Attendant	1
Food Assistant	1
Food Process Worker	35
Food Production Worker	1
Forecourt Assistant	3
Forecourt Attendant	12
Forestry Hand	9
Forestry Labourer	2
Forestry Pruner	6
Forestry Worker Logging	2
Forklift Driver	2
Foundry Worker	1
Frame Assembler	1
Front of House Restaurant	5
Front of House Person	16
Front of House Wait Person	2
Funeral Attendant	1
Furniture Remover	4
Furniture Upholsterer	1
Gaming Manager	1
Garden Nursery Worker	1
Gas Bottle Filler	2
General Labourer Agriculture	2
General Labourer Carpentry	3
General Labourer Cement or Concrete	3
General Labourer Construction	27
General Labourer Freight and Stock	2
General Labourer Livestock	12
General Office Clerk	1
Goat Farm Worker	1
Graphic Designer	10
Greenhouse Worker	4
Grinder	1
Grocery Assistant	6
Grocery Duty Manager	1
Grocery Supervisor	2
Grounds Person Maintenance	1
Guest Service Attendant	1
Hairdresser Apprentice	1
Hammer Hand Construction	5
Handyperson	8
Head Chef	1
Health Support Worker	1
Heat Pump Installer	1
Heavy Fabrication Engineer	1

Job title	Number of positions
Heavy Machine Operator Construction	1
Heavy Tractor Operator	18
Heavy Truck and Trailer Driver	2
Heavy Truck Driver	8
Heavy Vehicle Mechanic Farm Equipment	1
Herd Manager	29
Home Based Caregiver	3
Home Care Support Worker	17
Home Educator	1
Horse Rider	1
Horticultural Assistant Nursery	3
Horticultural Labourer Nursery	1
Hospice Housekeeper	1
Hospital Caregiver	9
Hospitality Service Worker	1
Hot House Worker	1
Hotel Housekeeper	15
House Cleaner	1
House Insulation Installer	1
House Painter	2
Housekeeper Private Home	2
Housekeeping Supervisor	1
Hygiene Worker	5
Industrial Truck Operator	3
Installation Labourer	2
Insulation Installer	2
Insulator	2
Insurance Administrator	1
Intellectual Disability Support Person	9
Interior Designer	1
IT Technician Security	1
Joiner	1
Kennel Assistant	1
Kitchen Assistant Dishwashing	1
Kitchen Assistant Food Preparation	7
Kitchen Hand Dishwasher	17
Kitchen Hand Food Preparation	25
Labourer Construction	1
Labourer Nursery Horticulture	1
Landscape Labourer	2
Lauderer	1
Laundry Person	3
Laundry Worker	11
Lawn Mower Operator	1
Lawn Mowing Labourer	2
Lawn Mowing Person	5

Job title	Number of positions
Lifeguard	1
Lighting Technician	1
Live In Nanny	1
Loader Operator Construction	1
Logger	1
Logging Truck Driver	5
Logistics Officer	1
Maintenance and Repair Worker	1
Maintenance Engineer Maintenance and Repair	1
Maintenance Gardener	11
Maintenance General Labourer	17
Maintenance General Worker	4
Maintenance Labourer	2
Marketing Assistant	3
Meat Packer	2
Meat Processing Worker	48
Meat Trimmer	1
Meat Worker	2
Mechanic Apprentice Automotive	3
Mechanical Assistant	2
Medical Administration Assistant	2
Medical Receptionist	2
Merchandiser	2
Meter Reader	5
Mig Welder	2
Milk Harvester	1
Milker	3
Mill Hand General Production	1
Mobile Salesperson	1
Mobile Security Guard	4
Mobile Security Officer	8
Motel Cleaner	10
Motel Room Attendant	2
Motor Mechanic	1
Motorcycle Mechanic	1
Motorcycle Technician	1
Motorcycle Workshop Assistant	2
Nail Technician Manicurist	34
Night Fill Supervisor	1
Night Fill Worker	3
Night Porter	2
Night Watchperson	2
Nurse Aide Hospital	3
Nursery Worker Horticulture	1
Office Administration Secretary	2
Office Administration Assistant	8

Job title	Number of positions
Office Administrator General	7
Office Assistant	2
Office Manager	1
Office Support Person	1
Orchard Supervisor	1
Painter Exterior	1
Painter Industrial	3
Painter and Decorator	3
Painter's Assistant	12
Painter's Hand	3
Painter's Labourer	7
Panelbeater	1
Panelbeater's Assistant	1
Parks Officer	1
Parts and Services Assistant	1
Pastry Worker	1
Paver Asphalt and Concrete	3
Payroll Accounts Administrator	1
Payroll Administrator	1
Personal Caregiver	1
Petrol Station Cashier	4
Petrol Station Worker	1
Picker and Packer	4
Pizza Delivery Driver	1
Pizza Maker	1
Plant Operator Industrial	2
Planter Forestry	1
Plasterer	5
Plasterer Exterior	2
Plasterer's Assistant	6
Plasterer's Labourer	5
Plastic Machine Operator	1
Plastic Process Worker	2
Plumber's Apprentice	1
Plumber's Assistant	2
Plumbing Labourer	3
Powder Coater	3
Powder Coating Assistant	3
Process Labourer	3
Process Worker Meat	1
Process Worker Poultry	25
Process Worker Production	3
Produce Assistant Supermarket	2
Produce Manager Supermarket	2
Production Leading Hand	1
Production Welder	7

Job title	Number of positions
Property Maintenance Person	1
Qualified Builder Construction	1
Qualified Mechanic Automotive	1
Quality Control Person	1
Receptionist	9
Recycling Sorter	4
Refrigeration Technician	1
Relief Milker	2
Rental Services Officer	1
Residential Caregiver	17
Residential Cleaner	1
Residential Support Worker Home	1
Rest Home Caregiver	57
Rest Home Cleaner	3
Restaurant Crew	4
Restaurant Manager	7
Restaurant Supervisor	3
Retail Duty Manager	3
Retail Manager	4
Retail Sales Assistant	25
Retail Sales Manager	1
Retail Salesperson	11
Retail Supervisor	4
Ride on Lawnmower Operator	1
Road Construction Labourer	1
Road Maintenance and Traffic Control Worker	2
Road Marker	3
Roadside Assistant	1
Roadwork General Labourer	1
Roofer	6
Roofer's Assistant	3
Roofer's Labourer	21
Rubbish Collection Worker	1
Rubbish Collector	10
Safety Inspector	1
Sales Administrator	2
Sales and Marketing Assistant	1
Sales and Marketing Worker	1
Sales Assistant	4
Sales Representative Wholesale	1
Salesperson	4
Sandwich Artist	2
Sandwich Hand	1
Saw Mill Worker	2
Scaffolder	34
Scaffolder's Assistant	3

Job title	Number of positions
Scaffolding Construction Person	1
Scaffolding Labourer	4
School Cleaner	10
Scrap Metal Sorter	3
Screen Printer	1
Secretary	1
Security Guard	16
Security Installation Technician	2
Security Officer	2
Senior Hairdresser	1
Service Person Machinery	2
Service Station Attendant	1
Service Technician Mechanical	1
Sewing Machinist Canvas	1
Sheet Metal Worker	1
Shelf Filler Sales Floor	1
Shift Manager Food	5
Shift Supervisor Production	1
Shop Assistant	6
Shop Manager	3
Site Manager Production	1
Site Supervisor Industrial	2
Skilled Painter	8
Slaughterer	2
Slaughterer Halal	7
Small Engine Mechanic	1
Small Motor Mechanic	1
Smallgoods Maker	1
Spraying Assistant Agricultural	1
Spraypaint Machine Operator	1
Spraypainter Automotive	1
Spraypainter Non Vehicle	1
Spraypainter Apprentice	1
Stable Hand	2
Stainless Steel Fabricator	1
Steel Construction Worker	1
Steel Fixer	3
Store Merchandiser	1
Store Person Warehouse	1
Storeperson Distribution	1
Storeperson Warehouse	3
Stores Person	1
Supermarket Assistant	1
Supermarket Storeperson	1
Supermarket Supervisor	4
Takeaway Assistant	1

Job title	Number of positions
Taxi Driver	15
Team Leader Personal Service	4
Telecommunication Line Repairer	2
Telemarketer	5
Telemarketer Outbound	2
Tiler	2
Tiler Apprentice	1
Timber Docker	1
Timber Yard Hand	1
Track Maintainer	1
Tractor Driver Agricultural	2
Trades Assistant Construction	7
Trades Assistant Installation or Maintenance	2
Traffic Controller Highway Maintenance	2
Traffic Controller Technician	4
Travelling Sales Representative	1
Tree Planter Forestry	1
Truck Driver Heavy	5
Tyre Fitter	4
Upholsterer	2
Used Car Salesperson	1
Van Delivery Driver	1
Vehicle Inspector	1
Ventilation Installer	1
Vineyard Pruner	1
Wait Person	1
Wait Staff	3
Waiter / Waitress	13
Waiter/Waitress	1
Waste Disposal Truck Driver	1
Water Treatment Plant Operator	3
Water Waste Technician	1
Web Administrator	1
Welder Labourer	1
Window Cleaner	3
Wine Waiter	1
WoF Inspector	2
Wool Presser	1
Work Broker	1
Workshop Assistant Mechanical Engineering	2
Yard and Warehouse General Labourer	2
Yard Hand	1
Yard Person	9
Youth Activities Worker	1
Youth Worker Supervisor	1
Total	2,373

Table two notes:

- The Taranaki region is the region where the employment position was located.
- This might not conform with the Ministry of Social Development region.
- This is the number of employment opportunities/ listings, not the number of vacancies.
- Some employment opportunities/ listings may have more than one position available.