



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear 

On 15 October 2019, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

*The number of people who are disabled and in receipt of Temporary Additional Support with the disability exception applied in the years 2015 - 2018.*

On 18 October 2019, you clarified your request to the number of clients in receipt of Temporary Additional Support (TAS) with a Disability Exception.

Please see below, Table One which shows the number of clients with a current TAS application that has a Disability Allowance Exception, as a point in time at the end of each financial year requested.

**Table One: Number of clients with Disability Exception added to their Temporary Additional Support as at 30 June 2015 – 2019.**

Month Ending	Number of Clients
June 2015	1,780
June 2016	1,934
June 2017	2,070
June 2018	1,565
June 2019	1,842

**Notes:**

- Figures are of a point in time and are not a cumulative representation.
- This figure includes all current TAS applications where the deficiency of income exceeds the TAS upper limit and the Disability exception is greater than \$0.00.

More information about TAS can be found on the Ministry's website at the following link: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/temporary-additional-support/disability-exception-amount-01.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/temporary-additional-support/disability-exception-amount-01.html). If you have specific questions regarding TAS or would like to talk about a specific case or examples, you can call the Work and Income general enquiries team on 0800 559 009.

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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Temporary Additional Support with Disability Exception, 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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