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Dear 

On 29 August 2019, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *Data that will allow me to update the tables and figures in the "New Zealand Superannuation policy and overseas state pensions" report.*

Your request was partially transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on 30 September 2019.

Please find enclosed Tables One and Two, which provide updated information for Tables Seven and Three in the paper 'New Zealand Superannuation policy and overseas state pensions' respectively:

1. Table One (update to Table Seven): Number of Overseas Pension deductions from New Zealand Superannuation and Veteran's Pension recipients in New Zealand dollars as at end of March 2019
2. Table Two (update to Table Three): Overseas Pension deductions from New Zealand Superannuation and Veteran's Pension recipients as at end of March 2019.

Despite best efforts, the Ministry is unable to locate the data in the remaining tables. Efforts had been made to contact you regarding these concerns and to seek further clarification on the source of the data. The Ministry unfortunately has been unable to make contact.

Therefore, your request for this information is unable to be provided under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as despite reasonable efforts to locate it, the information cannot be found.

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.

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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 and attachments 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, 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Bridget Saunders', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bridget Saunders  
**Manager Issue Resolution**

**Table One (update to Table Seven): Number of Overseas Pension deductions from New Zealand Superannuation and Veteran's Pension recipients in New Zealand dollars as at end of March 2019**

Country	Number of NZS /VP Overseas Pensions recipients	Annualised value of NZS/VP payment and supplements	Annualised value of Overseas Pensions	Average annualised value of Overseas Pensions	Percentage of the total NZS/VP Overseas Pension recipients
United Kingdom	62,594	\$1,078,779,723	\$249,031,908	\$3,979	66.52%
Australia	19,338	\$346,964,498	86,322,629	\$4,464	20.55%
the Netherlands	4,490	\$75,077,745	23,333,539	\$5,197	4.77%
Canada	3,238	\$44,756,743	12,652,037	\$3,907	3.44%
United States of America	717	\$5,951,504	8,255,150	\$11,513	0.76%
Germany	548	\$6,591,149	3,667,007	\$6,692	0.58%
Switzerland	458	\$5,734,246	2,464,331	\$5,381	0.49%
Taiwan	376	\$5,205,570	1,260,653	\$3,353	0.40%
Ireland	353	\$5,904,933	1,788,475	\$5,067	0.38%
Philippines	297	\$4,969,296	471,845	\$1,589	0.32%
Russian Federation	245	\$3,942,775	913,223	\$3,727	0.26%
Japan	163	\$1,830,864	1,171,731	\$7,189	0.17%
Denmark	147	\$2,097,330	678,145	\$4,613	0.16%
Guernsey	141	\$2,386,033	745,262	\$5,286	0.15%
Jersey	124	\$2,057,376	587,179	\$4,735	0.13%
Sweden	116	\$1,500,878	577,479	\$4,978	0.12%
France	101	\$1,431,217	316,030	\$3,129	0.11%
Singapore	60	\$757,307	335,675	\$5,595	0.06%
Fiji	50	\$803,897	180,744	\$3,615	0.05%
Isle of Man	42	\$621,945	180,518	\$4,298	0.04%
Korea, Republic of	39	\$603,261	143,646	\$3,683	0.04%
Poland	35	\$442,685	214,535	\$6,130	0.04%

Country	Number of NZS /VP Overseas Pensions recipients	Annualised value of NZS/VP payment and supplements	Annualised value of Overseas Pensions	Average annualised value of Overseas Pensions	Percentage of the total NZS/VP Overseas Pension recipients
Romania	35	\$481,877	221,906	\$6,340	0.04%
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic	35	\$477,261	198,373	\$5,668	0.04%
Croatia	32	\$416,010	165,397	\$5,169	0.03%
Serbia	31	\$391,802	133,375	\$4,302	0.03%
Bulgaria	29	\$481,470	82,658	\$2,850	0.03%
Belgium	23	\$293,249	110,366	\$4,799	0.02%
Thailand	22	\$375,225	18,915	\$860	0.02%
Austria	20	\$218,921	161,872	\$8,094	0.02%
Sri Lanka	20	\$332,992	36,482	\$1,824	0.02%
Italy	17	\$167,698	158,027	\$9,296	0.02%
Norway	15	\$155,114	132,571	\$8,838	0.02%
Samoa, Western	15	\$253,961	15,569	\$1,038	0.02%
Czechoslovakia	13	\$198,216	57,780	\$4,445	0.01%
Egypt	11	\$211,057	20,445	\$1,859	0.01%
Greece	11	\$171,187	43,364	\$3,942	0.01%
Malaysia	11	\$132,460	59,018	\$5,365	0.01%
Malta	11	\$158,083	49,011	\$4,456	0.01%
Hungary	9	\$129,604	46,655	\$5,184	0.01%
New Caledonia	9	\$127,401	56,970	\$6,330	0.01%
Finland	8	\$108,145	35,440	\$4,430	0.01%
Other	55	\$813,905	262,162	\$2,381	0.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,104</b>	<b>1,604,506,611</b>	<b>397,358,100</b>	<b>\$4,223</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table Two (update to Table Three): Overseas Pension deductions from New Zealand Superannuation and Veteran’s Pension recipients as at end of March 2019**

<b>Number of NZS/VP Overseas Pension recipients</b>	<b>Annualised value of Overseas Pensions (NZ\$)</b>	<b>Average annualised value of Overseas Pensions (NZ\$)</b>	<b>Proportion of total NZS/VP recipients</b>	<b>Total number of NZS/VP</b>
94, 104	\$397, 358, 100	\$4, 223	12.04%	781, 759

**Notes on Tables One and Two:**

- Annualised Overseas Pension amounts are approximated and based on the currency exchange rate at time of reporting.
- This includes overseas pensions paid directly from NZ pensions or paid through Special banking option.
- Section 70 of Social Security Act 1964 has been replaced with Section 189 of Social Security Act 2018.
- On Table One, “Other” countries include Peru, Albania, Argentina, Chile, French Polynesia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Brazil, Israel, Jamaica, Spain, Sudan, Turkey, Latvia, Macau, Tahiti, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bermuda, Cook Islands, Cyprus, Portugal and Samoan American.
- Annualised value of NZS/VP payments and supplements are an estimated amount, excluding Family Tax Credit payments.