



Dear [REDACTED]

On 17 January 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The number of active Community Services Card holders **aged 65+** living in the Waiheke Local Board area of Auckland on an annual basis for the last ten years.*

Please find below a table that addresses your request.

The number of Community Services Card holders who have a Waiheke Island address as at 30 September for the years 2010 to 2019, broken down by age group.

As at 30 September	Age		Total
	Under 65 years old	65 years and older	
2010	1,130	406	1,536
2011	1,068	406	1,474
2012	1,051	434	1,485
2013	973	455	1,428
2014	862	466	1,328
2015	788	488	1,276
2016	728	499	1,227
2017	688	519	1,207
2018	668	519	1,187
2019	869	583	1,452

Note:

- This is a point in time count.
- Age is as at 30 September of the year.
- Some Community Services Card holders may also have a Gold Card.

You will note that these figures differ slightly from those previously released to you. This is due to the methodology used to identify Community Services Card holders residing in the Waiheke Island Local Board area. In the prior response to you, the Ministry used geocoding to the Waiheke Island Local Board area which, as outlined in that response, provided an inaccurate count for the 2016 year, and was not available for 2010. For this response, individuals with a Waiheke Island address have been identified.

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.

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 or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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