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Dear [REDACTED]

On 19 February 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *A breakdown specific to the Rotorua area [of people who have had sanctions as a result of warrants for their arrest]*

On 24 February 2020, your request was refined to be for the following information:

- *the total numbers of Warrant to Arrest sanctions imposed in the Rotorua area for the calendar year 2015 to 2019.*

Please find below Table One which provides the number of Warrant to Arrest sanctions imposed during the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019, broken down by calendar year, where the client's case manager is based at the Rotorua Work and Income site.

Table One: The number of Warrant to Arrest sanctions imposed during the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019, broken down by calendar year

Year Ending	Total
31 December 2015	64
31 December 2016	92
31 December 2017	112
31 December 2018	111
31 December 2019	166

Notes on Table One:

- This is a count of sanctions not clients. A client may have had multiple sanctions.
- Geographic breakdowns are only available by the Service Centre responsible for the client's case management. A client may not necessarily reside in the same area as their Service Centre.
- Main Benefits exclude New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.

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. 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 the Warrant to Arrest sanction in Rotorua, 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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