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Dear

On 25 August 2020, you wrote to the Minister for Social Development, Hon Carmel Sepuloni, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The number of people receiving NZ Superannuation as at 30 June 2020, in the following age brackets: 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, and 90 and over*
- *The number of people receiving NZ Superannuation in the following age brackets: 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, and 90 and over, as at 30 June for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017*

On 7 September 2020, your request was transferred from the Minister's Office to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry), as this information is of an operational nature.

New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) is one of the few international pension schemes that is given to everyone who meets the residency requirements. The Veteran's Pension (VP) has the same residency and age requirements as NZS but is only available to New Zealand veterans who have recognised service. For further details regarding the eligibility criteria for New Zealand Superannuation, please see this link: www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/seniors/superannuation/superannuation-overview.html#null.

As per your request, **Table One in Appendix A** attached outlines the number of NZS and VP recipients as at the end of June for the years 2013 to 2020, broken down by the requested age brackets.

Recent information about the number of NZS and VP recipients, including non-qualifying spouses, is publicly available and can be found here: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/index.html.

Specifically, on that web page, please see the Excel spreadsheet titled *New Zealand Superannuation and Veteran's Pension data table - June 2020*, which shows the number of NZS and VP recipients as at the end of each financial quarter for the last five years.

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

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- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies
- 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 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Superannuation statistics, 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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Appendix A

Table One: New Zealand Superannuation and Veteran's Pension recipients, as at 30 June each year for the years 2013 to 2020, broken down by age bracket

Age Group	30 June 2013		30 June 2014		30 June 2015		30 June 2016		30 June 2017		30 June 2018		30 June 2019		30 June 2020	
	NZS	VP	NZS	VP	NZS	VP	NZS	VP	NZS	VP	NZS	VP	NZS	VP	NZS	VP
65-69	203,476	941	213,908	910	224,065	1,094	231,617	940	232,049	734	232,469	564	236,509	474	239,463	372
70-74	154,726	994	161,998	991	167,660	1,270	172,697	1,256	184,271	1,244	199,148	1,266	209,508	1,227	219,391	1,183
75-79	106,065	1,026	111,179	988	118,278	1,283	127,667	1,278	136,014	1,270	139,848	1,222	146,785	1,211	152,340	1,176
80-84	78,941	1,456	79,645	1,308	80,006	1,361	80,869	1,245	83,124	1,159	86,488	1,083	90,794	1,060	97,370	1,036
85-89	46,593	2,359	48,650	1,997	49,600	1,921	51,604	1,609	52,461	1,334	53,008	1,166	53,679	1,019	54,365	916
90 & over	22,665	1,867	23,744	1,996	24,318	2,599	25,355	2,504	26,724	2,372	27,649	2,150	28,967	1,877	30,355	1,618
Total	612,466	8,643	639,124	8,190	663,927	9,528	689,809	8,832	714,643	8,113	738,610	7,451	766,242	6,868	793,284	6,301

Notes:

- NZS is NZ Superannuation
- VP is Veteran's Pension
- All numbers are as at the end of the June quarter each year