



13 June 2022

Tēnā koe

On 15 May 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Please provide the disability allowance income threshold for each year since 1989.*

Disability Allowance (DA) provides non-taxable assistance to people who have on-going, additional costs because of a disability. You can find more information regarding the DA at the following link:

[www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/disability-allowance/introduction.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/disability-allowance/introduction.html).

DA income limits from 1999 to 2022 are available on the Ministry's website at the following link: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/deskfile/extra-help-information/disability-allowance-tables/disability-allowance-rates-19/disability-allowance-income-limits-current.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/deskfile/extra-help-information/disability-allowance-tables/disability-allowance-rates-19/disability-allowance-income-limits-current.html).

Please find attached an Excel Spreadsheet which includes **Table One**, which shows a list of the Disability Allowance income thresholds for the period, 1 April 1993 to 1 April 1998.

For DA income limits from 1989 to 1992, your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, this 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.

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 attachment on the Ministry'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 the DA income threshold for each year since 1989, 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.

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