



10 November 2022

Tēnā koe

On 12 October 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Under the Official Information Act can you please supply me with the latest figures for the month ending August 2022 for govt pensions from countries affected by Section 187-191 both in numbers and amounts.*

On 19 October 2022, you clarified your request for information:

- *Could you please include the figures ending September 2022?*

Please see **Table One** in the Appendix which shows the number of overseas pensions paid to clients receiving New Zealand Superannuation as at the end of September 2022, broken down by country.

Similarly, **Table Two** in the Appendix shows the number of overseas pensions paid into the Special Banking Option for clients on New Zealand Superannuation as at the end of September 2022, broken down by country.

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'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 regarding overseas pensions with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

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Appendix

Table One: The number of Overseas Pensions paid to clients on New Zealand Superannuation as at the end of September 2022, broken down by country.

Country	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
United Kingdom	58,551	\$266,538,204.31
Australia	23,346	\$149,171,501.69
the Netherlands	4,479	\$24,905,839.20
Canada	3,732	\$18,675,280.08
United States of America	918	\$12,794,332.44
Germany	705	\$5,292,988.74
Taiwan	645	\$2,589,449.08
Switzerland	579	\$3,802,795.42
Philippines	561	\$1,076,148.84
Ireland	438	\$2,188,351.28
Russian Federation	357	\$1,670,093.76
Japan	207	\$1,357,981.95
Sweden	159	\$813,702.82
Denmark	150	\$752,839.76
Guernsey	138	\$524,584.54
France	138	\$827,804.12
Jersey	129	\$750,864.64
Samoa, Western	123	\$151,919.08
Singapore	114	\$806,031.48
Korea, Republic of	93	\$563,906.56
Fiji	66	\$259,357.96
Thailand	66	\$29,760.24
Poland	51	\$307,129.74
Croatia	48	\$252,144.12
Romania	42	\$329,753.40
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic	42	\$175,787.74
Serbia	39	\$200,556.96
Isle of Man	36	\$170,520.31
Belgium	33	\$181,882.32
Bulgaria	30	\$100,718.52

Country	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
Cook Islands	27	\$153,510.64
Austria	24	\$259,927.92
Italy	24	\$225,004.92
Norway	21	\$266,455.39
Hungary	18	\$80,779.82
Sri Lanka	18	\$20,351.84
Czech Republic	15	\$85,344.36
Malta	15	\$72,564.98
New Caledonia	12	\$81,461.52
Egypt	12	\$29,618.76
Greece	9	\$27,347.64
Malaysia	9	\$57,000.84
Finland	6	\$50,005.08
Turkey	9	\$20,294.80
Vietnam	6	\$16,745.28
Bosnia and Herzegovina	S	\$13,697.76
Argentina	S	\$13,841.64
Peru	S	\$20,386.92
Brazil	S	\$30,775.56
French Polynesia	S	\$10,244.40
Slovakia	S	\$27,153.12
Albania	S	\$10,397.04
Chile	S	\$9,081.20
Portugal	S	\$19,478.79
Spain	S	\$31,306.92
Latvia	S	\$24,623.56
Lithuania	S	\$14,701.32
Ukraine	S	\$16,932.60
Bermuda	S	\$31,451.76
Israel	S	\$25,329.60
Jamaica	S	\$2,669.16
Sudan	S	\$209.28
Niue	S	\$8,117.28
Azerbaijan	S	\$7,399.80

Country	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
Belarus	S	\$581.52
Colombia	S	\$960.96
Cyprus	S	\$2,941.37
Ghana	S	\$4,204.68
Hong Kong	S	\$18,989.16
Uruguay	S	\$12,934.68
Yugoslavia	S	\$2,484.24
Tahiti	S	\$10,838.64
Slovenia	S	\$10,157.04
Montenegro	S	\$2,675.16
Total	96,309	499,093,210

Table Two: The number of Overseas Pensions paid into the Special Banking Option for clients on New Zealand Superannuation as at the end of September 2022, broken down by country.

Country	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
United Kingdom	49,671	\$222,383,592.26
Australia	16,794	\$95,973,687.41
the Netherlands	3,501	\$18,889,138.09
Ireland	339	\$1,552,781.12
Guernsey	111	\$679,369.08
Jersey	96	\$466,586.12
Total	70,512	339,945,154

Special Banking Option:

- The Special Banking Option allows a client’s overseas benefit or pension to be paid directly into a special Westpac bank account in New Zealand.
- This account is held in the client’s name but only accessible by the Ministry of Social Development.
- The Special Banking Option is currently only available to those who receive a benefit or pensions from the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Australia, Jersey, Guernsey and the Republic of Ireland.

Notes for both tables:

- Only clients who receive New Zealand Superannuation have been included in this report.
- The country stated is where the Overseas Pension has been paid from.
- The annualised amount is in New Zealand dollars. It is an approximation of the annual value of overseas pensions based on amounts and exchange rates as at time of report.
- Figures are current as at the time of reporting. However, these may be subject to change due to new historical information being recorded by the Ministry of Social Development.
- Post-June 2016 numbers and deductions are calculated using an improved methodology which excludes some Overseas Pension records that are in the system but not deducted from the recipients New Zealand Superannuation.
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- A value of one or two may be rounded to zero or three.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.
- In certain circumstances low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified.

- Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated.
- Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required.
- Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.