



18 November 2022

Tēnā koe

On 25 October 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Thank you for the Official figures, could you please supply them for September now.*

Please find enclosed **Appendix, Table One** 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** 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 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 number of overseas pensions paid to clients, 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.

Ngā mihi nui

*Bridget Saunders*

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**Manager**  
**Issue Resolution**

## 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.**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of Clients</b>	<b>Annualised Amount</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	58,551	\$266,538,204.31
<b>Australia</b>	23,346	\$149,171,501.69
<b>the Netherlands</b>	4,479	\$24,905,839.20
<b>Canada</b>	3,729	\$18,675,280.08
<b>United States of America</b>	918	\$12,794,332.44
<b>Germany</b>	708	\$5,292,988.74
<b>Taiwan</b>	642	\$2,589,449.08
<b>Switzerland</b>	582	\$3,802,795.42
<b>Philippines</b>	564	\$1,076,148.84
<b>Ireland</b>	438	\$2,188,351.28
<b>Russian Federation</b>	354	\$1,670,093.76
<b>Japan</b>	204	\$1,357,981.95
<b>Sweden</b>	159	\$813,702.82
<b>Denmark</b>	147	\$752,839.76
<b>France</b>	138	\$524,584.54
<b>Guernsey</b>	135	\$827,804.12
<b>Jersey</b>	129	\$750,864.64
<b>Samoa, Western</b>	120	\$151,919.08
<b>Singapore</b>	114	\$806,031.48

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of Clients</b>	<b>Annualised Amount</b>
<b>Korea, Republic of</b>	93	\$563,906.56
<b>Fiji</b>	66	\$259,357.96
<b>Thailand</b>	66	\$29,760.24
<b>Poland</b>	51	\$307,129.74
<b>Croatia</b>	51	\$252,144.12
<b>Romania</b>	42	\$329,753.40
<b>Serbia</b>	42	\$175,787.74
<b>Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic</b>	39	\$200,556.96
<b>Isle of Man</b>	39	\$170,520.31
<b>Belgium</b>	33	\$181,882.32
<b>Bulgaria</b>	30	\$100,718.52
<b>Cook Islands</b>	27	\$153,510.64
<b>Austria</b>	27	\$259,927.92
<b>Norway</b>	24	\$225,004.92
<b>Italy</b>	21	\$266,455.39
<b>Hungary</b>	18	\$80,779.82
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	18	\$20,351.84
<b>Czech Republic</b>	15	\$85,344.36
<b>Malta</b>	12	\$72,564.98
<b>New Caledonia</b>	15	\$81,461.52
<b>Egypt</b>	12	\$29,618.76
<b>Greece</b>	9	\$27,347.64

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of Clients</b>	<b>Annualised Amount</b>
<b>Malaysia</b>	12	\$57,000.84
<b>Finland</b>	9	\$50,005.08
<b>Vietnam</b>	9	\$20,294.80
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	6	\$16,745.28
<b>Argentina</b>	S	\$13,697.76
<b>Peru</b>	S	\$13,841.64
<b>Turkey</b>	S	\$20,386.92
<b>Brazil</b>	S	\$30,775.56
<b>French Polynesia</b>	S	\$10,244.40
<b>Slovakia</b>	S	\$27,153.12
<b>Albania</b>	S	\$10,397.04
<b>Chile</b>	S	\$9,081.20
<b>Portugal</b>	S	\$19,478.79
<b>Spain</b>	S	\$31,306.92
<b>Niue</b>	S	\$24,623.56
<b>Latvia</b>	S	\$14,701.32
<b>Lithuania</b>	S	\$16,932.60
<b>Bermuda</b>	S	\$31,451.76
<b>Israel</b>	S	\$25,329.60
<b>Jamaica</b>	S	\$2,669.16
<b>Sudan</b>	S	\$209.28
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	S	\$8,117.28
<b>Belarus</b>	S	\$7,399.80

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of Clients</b>	<b>Annualised Amount</b>
<b>Ukraine</b>	S	\$581.52
<b>Colombia</b>	S	\$960.96
<b>Cyprus</b>	S	\$2,941.37
<b>Ghana</b>	S	\$4,204.68
<b>Hong Kong</b>	S	\$18,989.16
<b>Uruguay</b>	S	\$12,934.68
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	S	\$2,484.24
<b>Tahiti</b>	S	\$10,838.64
<b>Slovenia</b>	S	\$10,157.04
<b>Montenegro</b>	S	\$2,675.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,309</b>	<b>\$499,093,210.05</b>

**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.**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of Clients</b>	<b>Annualised Amount</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	49,671	\$222,383,592.26
<b>Australia</b>	16,791	\$95,973,687.41
<b>the Netherlands</b>	3,501	\$18,889,138.09
<b>Ireland</b>	339	\$1,552,781.12
<b>Guernsey</b>	111	\$679,369.08
<b>Jersey</b>	96	\$466,586.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,509</b>	<b>\$339,945,154.08</b>

**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'