



27 February 2023

Tēnā koe

On 25 January 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 the following information:

- *Under the Official Information Act could you please provide the November and December figures for countries, numbers of pensions and amounts of overseas state pensions subject to Sections 187-191, Social Security Act?*

Please find the attached **Appendix, Table One** which shows the number of overseas pensions paid to clients receiving New Zealand Superannuation as at the end of November and December 2022, broken down by country.

Table Two shows the number of overseas pensions paid through the Special Banking Option for clients on New Zealand Superannuation as at the end of November and December 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.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding the numbers and amounts of overseas state pensions subject to sections 187-191 of the Social Security Act 2018 for the months of November and December 2022, 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.

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APPENDIX

Table One: Number of Overseas Pensions paid to clients on New Zealand Superannuation as at the end November and December 2022 by country.

Country	November 2022		December 2022	
	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
United Kingdom	58,557	\$274,500,213.86	58,599	\$271,568,109.54
Australia	23,514	\$152,315,948.72	23,571	\$149,012,498.92
The Netherlands	4,479	\$26,114,519.75	4,497	\$25,610,041.62
Canada	3,720	\$18,884,558.28	3,729	\$17,886,898.32
United States of America	816	\$12,256,615.44	819	\$11,457,394.56
Germany	702	\$5,438,254.93	699	\$5,314,362.89
Taiwan	654	\$2,634,737.86	660	\$2,589,683.96
Switzerland	585	\$3,967,724.32	585	\$3,893,255.21
Philippines	573	\$1,128,238.75	579	\$1,098,968.82
Ireland	432	\$2,220,712.64	432	\$2,194,851.32
Russian Federation	357	\$1,779,322.92	363	\$1,674,263.40
Japan	210	\$1,359,452.59	210	\$1,350,174.64
Sweden	159	\$866,450.72	159	\$847,537.36
Denmark	144	\$772,393.01	144	\$743,916.32
France	138	\$575,302.31	141	\$583,943.26
Guernsey	138	\$874,558.88	138	\$860,286.96
Samoa, Western	138	\$181,175.28	135	\$166,749.24
Jersey	126	\$794,960.60	129	\$806,683.32
Singapore	123	\$919,746.40	120	\$869,488.28
Korea, Republic of	96	\$552,485.84	96	\$574,230.08
Thailand	66	\$31,158.60	69	\$31,799.28
Fiji	69	\$269,233.96	66	\$259,540.52
Croatia	51	\$275,400.36	51	\$268,553.28
Poland	51	\$327,673.27	51	\$314,238.11
Serbia	42	\$198,939.64	42	\$196,034.24
Romania	42	\$341,493.24	42	\$331,928.16
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic	39	\$210,202.32	39	\$203,954.64
Isle of Man	36	\$171,818.21	36	\$168,977.20

Country	November 2022		December 2022	
	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
Belgium	36	\$198,310.56	33	\$192,015.24
Cook Islands	30	\$187,617.36	30	\$187,527.00
Bulgaria	30	\$111,394.80	30	\$108,722.52
Austria	27	\$289,021.32	27	\$282,754.08
Norway	24	\$227,252.28	21	\$220,037.40
Italy	21	\$260,262.37	21	\$288,954.14
Hungary	18	\$82,861.57	18	\$80,310.45
Sri Lanka	18	\$21,416.84	18	\$19,897.24
Czech Republic	12	\$90,318.48	15	\$88,570.56
Malta	15	\$76,149.93	15	\$74,347.76
Egypt	15	\$28,124.88	15	\$25,855.80
New Caledonia	15	\$85,063.92	12	\$76,549.56
Greece	9	\$28,722.36	12	\$28,031.16
Malaysia	9	\$53,374.80	9	\$52,500.72
Vietnam	9	\$20,723.60	9	\$20,186.36
Finland	6	\$52,483.92	6	\$51,237.60
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	\$18,085.20	6	\$17,658.72
Turkey	6	\$24,614.64	S	\$20,692.80
Argentina	S	\$13,687.44	S	\$12,007.32
Slovakia	S	\$37,694.04	S	\$36,802.08
Brazil	S	\$32,179.56	S	\$29,661.72
Peru	S	\$11,932.20	S	\$11,421.72
French Polynesia	S	\$10,698.48	S	\$10,477.56
Ukraine	S	\$2,310.24	S	\$2,156.52
Latvia	S	\$15,427.68	S	\$24,889.32
Albania	S	\$11,086.08	S	\$10,934.04
Chile	S	\$9,494.32	S	\$9,246.72
Portugal	S	\$20,441.00	S	\$19,957.20
Spain	S	\$32,853.24	S	\$32,075.64
Lithuania	S	\$17,777.76	S	\$17,352.72
Bermuda	S	\$33,720.36	S	\$31,472.64
Israel	S	\$26,033.28	S	\$24,891.96
Jamaica	S	\$2,839.20	S	\$2,650.96
Sudan	S	\$235.56	S	\$209.52
Niue	S	\$13,963.56	S	\$14,483.56
Azerbaijan	S	\$8,701.44	S	\$8,117.52
Belarus	S	\$7,910.04	S	\$7,403.76

Country	November 2022		December 2022	
	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
China, Peoples Republic of	S	\$30,270.48	S	\$12,816.00
Colombia	S	\$907.92	S	\$859.04
Cyprus	S	\$3,086.66	S	\$3,013.61
Ghana	S	\$2,710.56	S	\$2,639.52
Uruguay	S	\$14,030.28	S	\$13,514.88
Yugoslavia	S	\$2,608.20	S	\$2,546.64
Estonia	S	\$11,034.36	S	\$10,773.24
Netherlands Antilles	S	\$7,715.82	S	\$7,201.97
Tahiti	S	\$11,318.76	S	\$11,085.12
Slovenia	S	\$10,658.76	S	\$10,406.52
Montenegro	S	\$2,807.28	S	\$2,740.92
Hong Kong	0	\$0	S	\$19,583.16
Total	96,432	\$512,225,226.09	96,579	\$503,117,605.66

Table Two: Number of Overseas Pensions paid into the Special Banking Option for clients on New Zealand Superannuation as at the end of November and December 2022 by country.

Country	November 2022		December 2022	
	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
United Kingdom	49,644	\$228,778,946.59	49,644	\$226,024,768.91
Australia	16,887	\$99,076,289.11	16,923	\$96,630,547.33
the Netherlands	3,519	\$19,921,452.18	3,531	\$19,514,438.85
Ireland	342	\$1,663,489.56	339	\$1,615,340.08
Guernsey	111	\$715,472.16	111	\$711,912.24
Jersey	96	\$522,058.16	96	\$523,905.72
Total	70,596	\$350,677,707.76	70,644	\$345,020,913.13

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 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 of Social Development 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.
- 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'.