



31 January 2023

Tēnā koe

On 6 January 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Under the OIA could you please supply the figures for the number of overseas countries, the number of individuals and amounts per country for overseas govt pensions subjected to the application of Sections 187-191, Social Security Act for the months of October and November.*

Please find in the enclosed **Appendix, Table One** which shows the number of overseas pensions paid to clients receiving New Zealand Superannuation as at the end of October and November 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 October and 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 receiving New Zealand Superannuation as at the end of October 2022 and November 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

*Bridget Saunders*

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## APPENDIX

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

Country	October 2022		November 2022	
	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
United Kingdom	58,587	\$265,599,154.31	58,557	\$274,500,213.86
Australia	23,403	\$151,034,716.82	23,514	\$152,315,948.72
the Netherlands	4,476	\$25,004,666.59	4,479	\$26,114,519.75
Canada	3,738	\$19,004,798.52	3,720	\$18,884,558.28
United States of America	912	\$12,923,864.76	816	\$12,256,615.44
Germany	705	\$5,314,259.11	702	\$5,438,254.93
Taiwan	645	\$2,619,746.14	654	\$2,634,737.86
Switzerland	585	\$3,916,612.00	585	\$3,967,724.32
Philippines	567	\$1,100,791.06	573	\$1,128,238.75
Ireland	438	\$2,241,377.48	432	\$2,220,712.64
Russian Federation	357	\$1,738,171.32	357	\$1,779,322.92
Japan	207	\$1,348,978.18	210	\$1,359,452.59
Sweden	159	\$823,288.39	159	\$866,450.72
Denmark	147	\$756,183.35	144	\$772,393.01
France	141	\$565,592.14	138	\$575,302.31
Guernsey	138	\$838,137.56	138	\$874,558.88
Samoa, Western	120	\$156,114.20	138	\$181,175.28
Jersey	129	\$812,804.68	126	\$794,960.60
Singapore	117	\$853,626.64	123	\$919,746.40
Korea, Republic of	93	\$576,558.64	96	\$552,485.84
Fiji	66	\$265,380.28	69	\$269,233.96
Thailand	66	\$30,715.44	66	\$31,158.60
Croatia	51	\$259,236.96	51	\$275,400.36
Poland	51	\$312,996.05	51	\$327,673.27
Romania	42	\$334,558.08	42	\$341,493.24
Serbia	39	\$168,733.56	42	\$198,939.64
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic	36	\$198,958.92	39	\$210,202.32
Isle of Man	39	\$167,137.39	36	\$171,818.21
Belgium	33	\$199,446.00	36	\$198,310.56
Bulgaria	30	\$102,499.56	30	\$111,394.80
Cook Islands	27	\$160,826.80	30	\$187,617.36

Country	October 2022		November 2022	
	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
Austria	24	\$261,305.88	27	\$289,021.32
Norway	21	\$227,563.20	24	\$227,252.28
Italy	21	\$275,594.92	21	\$260,262.37
Hungary	18	\$79,977.39	18	\$82,861.57
Sri Lanka	18	\$20,777.72	18	\$21,416.84
New Caledonia	15	\$90,888.12	15	\$85,063.92
Czech Republic	15	\$85,732.44	12	\$90,318.48
Malta	12	\$72,950.30	15	\$76,149.93
Egypt	12	\$32,397.12	15	\$28,124.88
Greece	12	\$27,495.12	9	\$28,722.36
Malaysia	9	\$53,524.68	9	\$53,374.80
Finland	6	\$50,270.76	6	\$52,483.92
Vietnam	6	\$20,937.40	9	\$20,723.60
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	\$17,319.48	6	\$18,085.20
Turkey	S	\$22,058.16	6	\$24,614.64
Argentina	S	\$14,889.72	S	\$13,687.44
Slovakia	S	\$36,110.28	S	\$37,694.04
Peru	S	\$14,353.20	S	\$11,932.20
Brazil	S	\$31,238.76	S	\$32,179.56
French Polynesia	S	\$10,306.92	S	\$10,698.48
Albania	S	\$10,414.68	S	\$11,086.08
Chile	S	\$9,397.28	S	\$9,494.32
Portugal	S	\$19,581.98	S	\$20,441.00
Spain	S	\$31,472.52	S	\$32,853.24
Latvia	S	\$14,779.32	S	\$15,427.68
Lithuania	S	\$17,023.08	S	\$17,777.76
Ukraine	S	\$579.72	S	\$2,310.24
Niue	S	\$24,623.56	S	\$13,963.56
Bermuda	S	\$32,256.36	S	\$33,720.36
Israel	S	\$26,181.00	S	\$26,033.28
Jamaica	S	\$2,761.72	S	\$2,839.20
Sudan	S	\$214.68	S	\$235.56
Azerbaijan	S	\$8,325.00	S	\$8,701.44
Belarus	S	\$7,588.92	S	\$7,910.04
Colombia	S	\$969.80	S	\$907.92
Cyprus	S	\$2,956.94	S	\$3,086.66
Ghana	S	\$3,702.48	S	\$2,710.56
Uruguay	S	\$13,400.52	S	\$14,030.28

Country	October 2022		November 2022	
	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
Yugoslavia	S	\$2,498.04	S	\$2,608.20
Tahiti	S	\$10,904.64	S	\$11,318.76
Slovenia	S	\$10,210.80	S	\$10,658.76
Montenegro	S	\$2,689.32	S	\$2,807.28
China, Peoples Republic of	0	\$0	S	\$30,270.48
Hong Kong	S	\$19,942.08	0	\$0
Estonia	0	\$0	S	\$11,034.36
Netherlands Antilles	0	\$0	S	\$7,715.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,432</b>	<b>\$501,148,096.94</b>	<b>96,432</b>	<b>\$512,225,226.09</b>

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

Country	October 2022		November 2022	
	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount	Number of Clients	Annualised Amount
United Kingdom	49,671	\$221,336,141.95	49,644	\$228,778,946.59
Australia	16,827	\$97,324,016.39	16,887	\$99,076,289.11
the Netherlands	3,507	\$19,036,788.40	3,519	\$19,921,452.18
Ireland	339	\$1,564,057.08	342	\$1,663,489.56
Guernsey	111	\$691,108.60	111	\$715,472.16
Jersey	96	\$509,975.96	96	\$522,058.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,551</b>	<b>\$340,462,088.38</b>	<b>70,596</b>	<b>\$350,677,707.76</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 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'.