



22 March 2023

Tēnā koe

On 22 February 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Because we are required to comment on equity issues in the health system, we need to be able to analyse data by ethnicity (location and ethnicity; gender and ethnicity; health condition and ethnicity, and so on). The way the data has been provided does not yet allow us to do that. Are you able to provide the data that will enable us to analyse for equity (ethnicity) issues, please? OR are we able to gain the raw data for the past 5 years (2018-2022) so we can analyse the data on our end?*

At a broad level, we have provided you with data about current working age clients who were receiving the Job Seeker Benefit and who also experienced a health condition or disability between December 2018 to December 2022, broken down by ethnicity. At the more granular level, please see the two attached excel spreadsheets which contain the following data tables:

Table 1: The number of Current Working Age clients on Job Seeker Benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 2: The number of Current Working Age clients on Supported Living Payment benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 3: The number of Current Working Age Māori clients on Job Seeker Benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous

duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 4: The number of Current Working Age Māori clients on Supported Living Payment benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority.

Table 5: The number of Current Working Age European clients on Job Seeker Benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 6: The number of Current Working Age European clients on Supported Living Payment benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 7: The number of Current Working Age Pasifika clients on Job Seeker Benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 8: The number of Current Working Age Pasifika clients on Supported Living Payment benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority, split by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 9: The number of Current Working Age Asian clients on Job Seeker Benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 10: The number of Current Working Age Asian clients on Supported Living Payment benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 11: The number of Current Working Age Middle Eastern, Latin American and African (MELAA) clients on Job Seeker Benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 12: The number of Current Working Age MELAA clients on Supported Living Payment benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 13: The number of Current Working Age "Other" ethnicity clients on Job Seeker Benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 14: The number of Current Working Age "Other" ethnicity clients on Supported Living Payment benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 15: The number of Current Working Age "Unspecified" ethnicity clients on Job Seeker Benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending, and territorial authority split, by statistics area 2 mapping.

Table 16: The number of Current Working Age Unspecified ethnicity clients on Supported Living Payment benefit who have Health Condition or Disability as at the end of December 2018 to December 2022, by incapacity type, gender, age group, continuous duration, year ending and territorial authority split by statistics area 2 mapping.

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 attachments 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 about ethnicity and health data, 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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