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Tēnā koe

On 5 September 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 latest information on the number of Countries whose overseas state pensions by number and amounts that are Subject to direct deduction from Superannuation via Section 189, Social Security Act*

Please find attached the **Appendix** which outlines the number of Overseas Pension deductions and amounts to New Zealand Superannuation or Veteran's Pension clients as at the end of August 2023.

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](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding overseas state pensions subject to direct deduction, 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

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## Appendix

Number of Overseas Pension deductions and amounts to New Zealand Superannuation or Veteran's Pension clients as at the end of August 2023.

Country	As at the end of August 2023	
	Number	Annualised excess amount
<b>Albania</b>	3	\$13,259.88
<b>Argentina</b>	6	\$10,856.04
<b>Australia</b>	22,587	\$137,806,649.57
<b>Austria</b>	27	\$295,696.07
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	3	\$21,097.32
<b>Belarus</b>	3	\$8,810.88
<b>Belgium</b>	33	\$219,510.84
<b>Bermuda</b>	3	\$44,127.60
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	6	\$20,787.60
<b>Brazil</b>	3	\$35,652.84
<b>Bulgaria</b>	30	\$140,603.16
<b>Canada</b>	3,843	\$20,234,169.48
<b>Chile</b>	6	\$23,973.80
<b>China, Peoples Republic of</b>	18	\$200,453.64
<b>Colombia</b>	3	\$1,018.16
<b>Cook Islands</b>	6	\$18,182.92
<b>Croatia</b>	51	\$309,086.16
<b>Cyprus</b>	3	\$3,207.82
<b>Czech Republic</b>	12	\$83,056.68
<b>Denmark</b>	147	\$827,824.51
<b>Egypt</b>	12	\$27,537.72
<b>Fiji</b>	66	\$244,538.08
<b>Finland</b>	9	\$59,376.00
<b>France</b>	144	\$652,165.65
<b>French Polynesia</b>	3	\$11,296.32
<b>Germany</b>	714	\$6,005,351.91
<b>Ghana</b>	3	\$3,521.52
<b>Greece</b>	9	\$27,507.36
<b>Guernsey</b>	138	\$995,997.08
<b>Hong Kong</b>	3	\$10,367.52
<b>Hungary</b>	18	\$113,901.81
<b>Ireland</b>	432	\$2,382,432.80
<b>Isle of Man</b>	36	\$174,761.98
<b>Israel</b>	3	\$13,830.96
<b>Italy</b>	24	\$312,303.21
<b>Jamaica</b>	3	\$2,902.12

Country	As at the end of August 2023	
	Number	Annualised excess amount
Japan	219	\$1,362,216.74
Jersey	123	\$849,036.80
Korea, Republic of	111	\$745,519.96
Latvia	6	\$27,852.48
Lithuania	3	\$19,986.72
Macau	3	\$929.64
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic	42	\$243,819.52
Malaysia	6	\$21,959.64
Malta	15	\$79,724.08
Montenegro	3	\$3,392.88
Netherlands Antilles	3	\$7,318.55
New Caledonia	12	\$93,434.76
Niue	3	\$3,043.56
Norway	24	\$225,844.20
Peru	3	\$8,727.96
Philippines	645	\$1,350,194.00
Poland	48	\$353,571.79
Portugal	3	\$22,204.92
Romania	42	\$406,862.64
Russian Federation	369	\$1,249,257.76
Samoa, Western	18	\$23,122.88
Serbia	39	\$198,951.96
Singapore	132	\$1,054,403.72
Slovakia	6	\$44,596.56
Slovenia	3	\$11,077.20
Spain	3	\$14,972.52
Sri Lanka	15	\$20,168.60
Sudan	3	\$200.76
Sweden	165	\$890,821.41
Switzerland	600	\$4,400,072.68
Tahiti	3	\$11,803.44
Taiwan	669	\$2,688,788.56
Thailand	75	\$34,665.48
The Netherlands	4,479	\$29,492,930.22
Turkey	3	\$13,828.92
Ukraine	3	\$2,191.32
United Kingdom	57,909	\$295,373,320.77
United States of America	942	\$14,420,386.92
Uruguay	3	\$14,263.20
Vietnam	12	\$21,940.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,139</b>	<b>\$527,163,223.61</b>

**Table notes:**

- This is a number of Overseas Pensions.
- The country given is where the Overseas Pension is 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 into our systems.
- Post-June 2016 numbers and deductions are calculated using improved methodology, which excludes some overseas pension records that are in the system but not deducted from the recipient's NZ 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.
- Random rounding does not round down to zero, a value of one or two will be rounded to 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.