



12 August 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 18 July 2024 to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry). You requested: *how many BRC hearings has each individual community representative been a panel member on in 2024 in the Waikato region? Ie, how many BRC hearings has Jean Clarke been a panellist on vs other community representatives in the Waikato region for 2024.*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

Please find a table below that provides information for BRC Hearings in the Waikato region, by panel member, for the period 1 January to 30 June 2024 (the latest date for which data is available).

<b>Name</b>	<b>Number of BRC Hearings 1 January-30 June 2024</b>
Anne Ramsey	5
Chris Broadhurst	12
Jean Clarke	13
Margaret O'Brien	8
Susan Lane	4

*This data is inclusive of Regional Services, Senior Services and Fraud and Debt cases for the Waikato Region*

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Magnus', is positioned above a faint, light-colored grid pattern.

Magnus O'Neill  
**General Manager**  
**Ministerial and Executive Services**