



29 August 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act Request**

Thank you for your email of 9 August 2024 and subsequent refinement on 13 August 2024 requesting information about funeral grant totals. I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision set out below.

Please find the information on the total amount of money paid for funeral grants by the Ministry from 2013 to 2023 below in Table One in the **Appendix**.

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

pp. *Khawler*

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

**Appendix:**

**Table One: Total amount paid for funeral grants from 2013 to 2023.**

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Total funeral grants amount</b>
2013	\$9,089,763
2014	\$9,038,078
2015	\$8,936,172
2016	\$8,299,040
2017	\$9,244,281
2018	\$9,109,566
2019	\$10,089,430
2020	\$9,381,253
2021	\$9,326,731
2022	\$10,384,841
2023	\$11,909,372

**Notes:**

- This included the following need types:
  - Funeral Grant – Single person with no dependants
  - Funeral Grant – Person with surviving partner or child
  - Funeral Grant – Child
- The amount granted is not necessarily the amount spent.