

30 August 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 24 July 2024 requesting health-related benefit information relating to clients who reside in Central Hawke's Bay.

I also acknowledge receipt of your email dated 2 August 2024 your information request, set out below:

- Could you provide any information/data that is deemed shareable for Central Hawke's Bay TLA that directly relates to the Health and Well-being of the Central Hawke's Bay community through the Ministry of Social Development?
 - Period: for the previous financial year period ending 30 June 2024
 - o All Health-Related Benefit data across all entitlements with a health focus
 - CSC cardholder data
 Including
 National Super Annuitants with DA allowance
- Any other Central Hawke's Bay data you can provide that is relatable to Health?

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please see **Appendix One** attached, which is a spreadsheet with four tables setting out a range of health and disability-related assistance provided to Ministry clients in the Central Hawke's Bay District TLA region as at 30 June 2024. The Ministry has provided the following data:

- **Table One:** Number of Community Services Cards (CSC) on issue to clients in the Central Hawke's Bay District TLA (including clients with a CSC-Super Gold combination card) as at 30 June 2024
- Table Two: Number of current Disability Allowances in the Central Hawke's Bay District TLA (including details of any main benefit the client also receives) as at 30 June 2024
- **Table Three:** Number of current Child Disability Allowances in the Central Hawke's Bay District TLA as at 30 June 2024

 Table Four: Number of working age clients in receipt of medical or disability related main benefits in the Central Hawke's Bay District TLA as at 30 June 2024

There are notes included on the spreadsheet to assist with interpreting the data.

Please note that the type of data you requested (for example CSC holders, number of people who receive both New Zealand Superannuation and the Disability Allowance) is reported as a stock count and needs to be reported on at a particular point in time. It is not possible to report stock count data across a period of time (such as across a financial year period) as you have requested. For this reason, we have provided you with the data as at 30 June 2024.

You can find information about the types of services and financial assistance Work and Income provides via the following link: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/our-structure/service-delivery.html and on Work and Income's website here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/.

Please feel free to submit further specific questions, including the period you need the data to cover, and I am happy to process another Official Information Act request for you.

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.

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 or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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