



28 May 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 30 April 2024, requesting data about the numbers of people receiving main benefits at the end of March 2024, broken down by 2017 Area Unit boundary. I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

Please refer to **Table 1** of **Appendix 1**, which contains the information you requested.

You will note that the information regarding some individuals is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect their privacy. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information. Cells with 'S' are those where data has been suppressed to protect identification of individuals and is applied to values less than six.

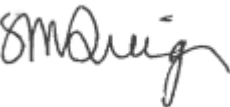
The Ministry is releasing this information to you in good faith, with the understanding that a payment will be made as previously agreed. You will receive an invoice in due course.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with any 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.

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