



29 November 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 11 November 2024, in which you requested the following information:

the people without a disability with whom the Ministry of Social Development compares the travel cost entitlement of people with a disability.

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

I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

I note we transferred part of your request to Stats NZ regarding the data on the number of people without a disability and the use of transport. The information requested was considered closely connected to the functions of Stats NZ. However, I understand you have since withdrawn your request.

The Ministry can only provide data on the number of primary applicants receiving Disability Allowance. If you would like to receive this information, please come back to us via OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz, and we will process this as a new request. However, if you are seeking data on the number of people without a disability and their use of transport, I recommend you contact Stats NZ.

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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