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On 23 November 2016 the Ministry received a partial transfer from The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment of the request you made under the Official Information Act 1982, regarding statistics about refugees who arrived in New Zealand from 2011 to date.

The parts of your request transferred to the Ministry were:

- 1. Of those refugees who arrived in New Zealand in the last five years, 2011 – 2016 year to date in employment, a break-down of their ages and genders*
- 2. Of those not in employment, a break-down of the reasons they've been unable to get into paid employment*
- 3. For those on a main benefit, a break-down of the types of benefits these are.*

The Ministry refuses part one and part two of your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry and the Ministry has no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

The Ministry can address part three of your request.

The table below shows the number of quota refugees who have arrived in New Zealand in the last five years and are in receipt of a main benefit, broken down by benefit type, as at 30 September 2016.

Benefit Group	Quota Refugees
Emergency Benefit	94
Emergency Maintenance Allowance	S
Jobseeker Support	726
Supported Living Payment	65
Sole Parent Support	129
Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment	S
<b>Total</b>	<b>1018</b>

**Notes:**

- This includes quota refugees to New Zealand in the last 5 years identified by receipt of the Refugee Settlement Special Needs Grants. As such it will not count partners or children of primary clients and does not include clients from Australia, Niue, Tokelau, or the Cook Islands.
- Main Benefits exclude New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.

Please note, numbers five and below are suppressed to protect people's privacy, in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public after ten working days. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

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 this response, 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.

Yours sincerely



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