



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear 

On 14 May 2019, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The total number of families in Selwyn District receiving Sole Parent Benefit*
- *Total number of families receiving Young Parent Payment (ideally number of single parents, but if not possible, total number is helpful).*

The table below shows the number of clients receiving Sole Parent Support (SPS) or Young Parent Payment (YPP) with a residential address in Selwyn District Territorial Local Authority (TLA), as at end of March 2019. This includes clients of all ages.

Territorial Local Authority	March 2019	
	Sole Parent Support	Young Parent Payment
Selwyn District	228	S

In certain circumstances low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified. Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by 'S'. This information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

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 and any attached documents available to the wider public shortly. 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 regarding Sole Parent Support and Young Parent Payment 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cassandra Wise', with a small horizontal line at the end.

**Cassandra Wise**  
**Manager, Issue Resolution, Service Delivery**