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Dear [REDACTED]

On 9 April 2019, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

1. *The total number of permanent resident visa holders who had received superannuation payments between 2000-2018*
2. *A breakdown of the country of origin for permanent resident visa holders who had received superannuation payments between 2000-2018*
3. *The total cost the government had spent annually between 2000-2018 for permanent resident visa holders receiving superannuation payments.*
4. *The total number of non-qualified partners who had received NZ superannuation payments and including the country of origin of non-qualified partners between 2000-2018*

You will find enclosed three tables which address questions one, two and four of your request. Due to the evolving nature of clients' situations, the Ministry reports data at a point in time. The data provided in the enclosed tables is at 31 December 2018.

Please note that the residency status of those on New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) is not always an accurate record. This can be due to the fact that a client started receiving NZS before the Ministry started reporting residency status in the early 2000s, or because a client's residency status has changed since they initially applied for NZS. In these situations, clients' records would only be updated if they specifically informed the Ministry of these changes.

In order to protect client privacy, values in the tables fewer than six are suppressed. The Ministry is unable to provide you with the exact number as releasing this information is likely to risk identifying the individuals concerned. As such, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information. Instead, these figures are provided as an 'other' category at the bottom of table two and three. The countries included in this category are specified in the notes below each table.

In order to provide you with the information requested in question three of your request: *The total cost the government had spent annually between 2000-2018 for permanent resident visa holders receiving superannuation payments*, the Ministry would need to divert personnel from their core duties and allocate extra time to complete this task. The diversion of these resources would impair the Ministry's

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ability to continue standard operations and would be an inefficient use of the Ministry's resources. Your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act as it requires substantial collation. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

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 with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response about permanent residents who receive New Zealand Superannuation payments, 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.

Yours sincerely


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Table one: New Zealand Superannuation clients with Permanent Residence, as at 31 December 2018

Immigration status	Number of clients
Permanent Resident	68,136

Table two: Country of origin for New Zealand superannuation clients with Permanent Residence, as at 31 December 2018

Country of origin	Number of clients
Not held	2
Afghanistan	71
Argentina	28
Australia	2,798
Austria	123
Bangladesh	24
Barbados	26
Belarus	7
Belgium	41
Bermuda	9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9
Brazil	15
Brunei	10
Bulgaria	17
Cambodia	308
Canada	542
Chile	75
China, People's Republic of	5,541
Colombia	10
Cook Islands	349
Croatia	83
Cyprus	21
Czechoslovakia	50
Denmark	174
Egypt	79
Eritrea	6
Ethiopia	20
Falkland Islands	16
Fiji	2,354
Finland	29
France	68
French Polynesia	14
Germany	819

Country of origin	Number of clients
Greece	136
Guernsey	41
Guyana	11
Hong Kong	422
Hungary	83
India	2,539
Indonesia	314
Iran	113
Iraq	248
Ireland	684
Isle of Man	36
Israel	14
Italy	129
Jamaica	16
Japan	339
Jersey	25
Jordan	10
Kazakhstan	10
Kenya	106
Kiribati	26
Korea, Democratic People's Republic	166
Korea, Republic of	768
Laos	29
Latvia	12
Lebanon	26
Lithuania	6
Macau	19
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic	15
Malawi	12
Malaysia	1,010
Malta	37
Mauritius	15
Mexico	6
Moldova, Republic of	7
Morocco	7
Myanmar, Union of (Burma)	47
Namibia	10
Nepal	9
Netherlands Antilles	29
New Caledonia	7

Country of origin	Number of clients
New Zealand	3,961
Nigeria	14
Niue	145
Norway	30
Pakistan	85
Palestinian Territory, Occupied	9
Papua New Guinea	14
Peru	18
Philippines	596
Poland	105
Portugal	12
Romania	70
Russian Federation	249
Samoa, American	81
Samoa, Western	3,795
Serbia	6
Singapore	225
Slovakia	6
Slovenia	7
Soloman Islands	7
Somalia	25
South Africa, Republic of	1,709
Spain	18
Sri Lanka	431
Sudan	7
Sweden	61
Switzerland	130
Syria	21
Taiwan	378
Tanzania	29
Thailand	187
Tokelau	65
Tonga	2,316
Trinidad and Tobago	15
Turkey	12
Tuvalu	84
Uganda	14
Ukraine	96
United Kingdom	26,875
United States of America	857

Country of origin	Number of clients
Uruguay	7
Vietnam	221
Yugoslavia	191
Zambia	53
Zimbabwe	263
the Netherlands	3,194
Other	165
Total	68,136

Note:

- 'Other' includes countries whose numbers would otherwise be suppressed under 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- The following countries are captured in this category: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Aruba, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia, Botswana, British Indian Ocean Territory, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Old Kingdom), the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Iceland, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nauru, Norfolk Islands, Panama, Pitcairn, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, St Helena, St Lucia, St Vincent, Suriname, Swaziland, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, U.S. Minor Outlying Islands, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vatican City State, Venezuela, Virgin Islands (British), Wallis and Futuna, Western Sahara, Yemen- Arab Republic.

Table three: Non-Qualified partners who receive New Zealand Superannuation, by country of origin, as at 31 December 2018

Country of origin	Number of clients
Afghanistan	48
Australia	154
Bangladesh	13
Brazil	6
Cambodia	118
Canada	20
China, People's Republic of	744
Cook Islands	134
Croatia	9
Egypt	15
Fiji	412
Germany	48
Hong Kong	88
India	390
Indonesia	37
Iran	23
Iraq	71
Ireland	14
Japan	31
Kenya	9
Korea, Democratic People's Republic	33
Korea, Republic of	211
Laos	19
Malaysia	80
Myanmar, Union of (Burma)	13
New Zealand	7,606
Niue	35
Pakistan	20
Papua New Guinea	6
Philippines	330
Russian Federation	53
Samoa, American	17
Samoa, Western	621
Singapore	32
Somalia	8
South Africa, Republic of	114
Sri Lanka	69
Switzerland	7

Country of origin	Number of clients
Syria	9
Taiwan	109
Thailand	137
Tokelau	25
Tonga	288
Tuvalu	18
Ukraine	12
United Kingdom	588
United States of America	27
Vietnam	64
Yugoslavia	13
Zambia	7
Zimbabwe	13
the Netherlands	65
Other	135
Total	13,168

Note:

- 'Other' includes countries whose numbers would otherwise be suppressed under 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- The following countries are captured in this category: Algeria, Anguilla, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, British Indian Ocean Territory, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Isle of Man, Italy, Jamaica, Jersey, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Macau, Macedonia- The Former Yugoslav Republic, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Republic of Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Peru, Pitcairn, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Tanzania, Turkey, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna.