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Dear [REDACTED]

On 15 January 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *We have found the "Territorial authorities data table" on your website. We are looking for these at the small area level. Do you have that information?*

On 17 January 2020, it was clarified that you were requesting information about the number of people in receipt of Jobseeker Support at SA2 level in the Far North.

Please find enclosed a table that addresses your request. Information about eligibility for Jobseeker Support is available from the Ministry's Manuals and Procedures website here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/main-benefits/jobseeker-support/qualifications.html.

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. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments 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, 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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The number of working age people (18 to 64 years) in receipt of Jobseeker Support in the Far North Territorial Authority district, broken down by area unit, as at the end of December 2019.

Area Unit	Jobseeker Support recipients		Total
	Work Ready related	Health Condition, Injury, or Disability related	
Kapiro	42	45	87
Waitangi	7	8	15
Ahipara	51	28	79
Awanui	21	12	33
East Opuā	10	9	19
Haruru falls	25	13	38
Hokianga north	104	66	170
Hokianga south	146	126	272
Houhora	29	25	54
Kaeo	16	10	26
Kaikohe	381	125	506
Kaitaia east	170	61	231
Kaitaia west	289	100	389
Kawakawa	80	40	120
Kerikeri	107	71	178
Kohukohu	S	S	S
Mangapa-matauri bay	120	77	197
Mangonui east	219	112	331
Mangonui west	75	39	114
Moerewa	118	72	190
Motutangi-Kareponia	79	34	113
Ngapuhi-Kaikou	129	87	216
North Cape	26	6	32
Ohaeawai	32	13	45
Okaihau	24	9	33
Omapere and Opononi	32	22	54
Paihia	41	34	75
Pokere-Waihaha	74	70	144
Rawene	18	16	34
Russell	9	11	20
Taipa bay-Mangonui	53	35	88
Waihou valley-Hupara	57	50	107
West Opuā	S	S	S
Total	2,593	1,434	4,027

Notes:

- The location of Ministry Service Centres case managing clients has been used to approximate which Territorial Authority clients reside in.
- A service centre can cover more than one Territorial Local Authority area, therefore some smaller Territorial Local Authority areas cannot be disaggregated from the service centre numbers.
- The boundaries of Work and Income offices do not correspond exactly to those of Territorial Authority areas, and because the boundaries of both can change overtime, exact comparisons over time are not possible. The Territorial Authority boundaries are the Stats NZ 2017 boundaries.
- Small numbers are suppressed in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information 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. Secondary suppression has also been applied.