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Tēnā koe

On 2 July 2020, you emailed the Inland Revenue Department requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *I am after data (not names of individuals) of brothels and other organisations registered under the Prostitution Reform Act which applied for the wage subsidy and extension- and how many applied for subsidy for sex 'workers'?*
- *How many sex 'workers' applied for and received the wage subsidy as sole traders, self-employed? How many were approved?*

The Inland Revenue Department has transferred your request to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) for a response.

The table below shows the number of employers and sole traders paid a Wage Subsidy, who had a sub-industry of brothel keeping and prostitution services, and the number of people in jobs as at 3 July 2020.

Business Type	Number of Businesses	People in Jobs
Employer	108	439
Sole Traders	214	214

Notes:

- This report includes businesses classified as Brothel Keeping and Prostitution Services under the ANZSIC level 4 sub-industry.
- Approximately one-third of paid sole trader applications did not have an industry recorded, therefore it is possible that the actual figure is higher than that reflected in this table.
- This report includes businesses who were paid the original wage subsidy and/or the wage subsidy extension, where applicable.
- "People in jobs" is the number of employees listed on Wage Subsidy applications.
- If a person was listed as an employee for the same business for both the original and extended wage subsidy, it is counted as one job.
- Businesses were matched to industry via Inland Revenue Department matching datasets.
- Industry relates to the primary industry of the business. However, staff may have a range of occupations within a business. For example, receptionists, security workers, bar staff etc.

You might be interested that the Ministry has published the number of businesses receiving COVID-19 support payments (like the Wage Subsidy), and the value of these payments, broken down by business size and industry, which can be found at the following link:

www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/covid-19/covid-19-evidence.html#SupportforBusinessesndashWageSubsidybyIndustryTypeandSize2

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. 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 Wage Subsidy statistics for businesses and sole traders relating to brothel keeping and prostitution, 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.

Nāku noa, Nā



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